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## Who's Who and What's What

The Watchman Examiner gives as the latest report of Baptists in the World, 12,028,163.

One hundred and seven Blue Mountain College students attended the Mississippi Baptist Student Convention at Columbus in two buses and ten private cars.

The Spanish government has recently confiscated 110,000 Bibles and portions of scripture and will grind them up to make celulose. That's the government the pope has "blessed."

Eighth Avenue Church in Meridian has called Rev. E. F. Graeser and he is already on the field. He has been pastor at Gallman and of other churches in Copiah County.

St. Augustine, Fla., claims to be the oldest city in the United States founded by Europeans. The 275 birthday was celebrated Septmber 7-10. Founded by Pedro Menendez and his company of soldiers in 1565.

Mrs. Nannie E. Walker of Gladewater, Texas, has given money for the endowment of a professorship in Mary Hardin-Baylor College at Belton. She and her daughters are alumnae of Baylor College.

Dr. W. W. Hamilton, President of the Baptist Bible Institute, preached Sunday morning and evening in Calvary Church, Jackson, to large and appreciative congregations. The pastor, Dr. Claud Bowen preached at Columbus Sunday morning.

We were told Monday of the death of Mrs. R. L. Breland at Holandale. Her husband who died more than a year ago was well known to Baptist Record readers. The sympathy of many friends goes to her surviving children, Dr. Clyde Breland in Kentucky and two daughters in Mississippi.

When your church is making its budget for the new year two items should be included. The Baptist Record will help to give value to every other item in the budget. And the adoption of the Retirement Plan for the pastor will relieve him and the church of much anxiety.

There are two agencies indispensable to the life and perpetuity of any religious denomination; schools in which to train its leadership, publications as mediums of promulgating its distinctive doctrines.—Harwell G. Davis, President Howard College, Birmingham, Ala.

On account of the State Convention, the Central Mississippi Pastors' Conference will meet on Monday, November 4. Place, Jackson, First Baptist Church; Time 9:30 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. Devotional by J. D. Walker; Doctrine of the Intermediate State by Mark Lowry; The Judgment by M. O. Patterson; Hell by D. S. Haworth; Heaven by J. W. Middleton; Ladies and other visitors invited.

Leflore County Association met with First Church, Greenwood, Oct. 15. Rev. C. J. Olander, clerk, sends the following summary for the past year and the year before: Baptisms in 1940 were 157, for 1939 they were 77. Membership this year 2250, for last year 2103. S. S. Enrollment this year 1,655; last year 1,388. W. M. U. membership this year 655; last year 573. B. T. U. membership this year 266; for last year 230. Gifts, local expenses, this year \$23,387.78; last year \$17,035.13. Missions this year \$6,410.31; last year \$5,928.50. The seven churches sponsor 6 missions in the county. E. A. Rushing is moderator.

Hazlehurst Church reported for the past year 42 additions. Of these 15 were by baptism. Present membership is 627, a gain of 13. The contributions to all causes were \$10,969.05, of which \$1,574.29 went to missions and benevolences.

About two weeks ago Miss Hassie Mayfield of McComb was married to Dr. Wallace Bassett pastor of Cliff Temple Church, Dallas, Texas. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. J. W. Mayfield and of Dr. J. W. Mayfield deceased, who was pastor of First Church, McComb at the time of his death.

Pastor A. B. Pierce says they will have over 300 copies of the Baptist Record going into all the homes in his church. He adds: "We believe that we can spend the same amount of money in no way that will bring greater dividends than to have the denominational paper come into every home in the church and pay for it out of the budget."

We saw from the Bulletin of the Brookhaven Church that an amount necessary to send the Baptist Record to every family was included in the budget for next year. This is one of the "signs of progress" down there, and we are sure the church will find it helpful in all the work. At this end of the line we appreciate their cooperation.

The Shelby County Association in Tennessee, including Memphis at a recent meeting set in motion measures to establish a Baptist orphanage in or near Memphis. Also a resolution was passed asking their Senator and Congressman to work to provide protection against immoral influences for the men who are being gathered into military camps.

The papers of last Saturday brought the sad news of the death of Dr. Josiah Crudup in a hospital in Memphis, Tenn. He had been pastor of the Church at Belzoni for several years. We understand that Dr. Crudup was a native of North Carolina and an alumnus of Wake Forest College. He had been pastor in his native state and in Georgia. His mature life has been spent in the pastorate. The body was taken to Dalton, Ga., for burial. He leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters. May our Father comfort their hearts.

The Christian Century and some others a few months ago called the work of the Congressional committee of which Mr. Dies is chairman the result of hysteria and the efforts of war mongers. Now that this committee has collected evidence to prove the guilt of German agents in this country, there is silence on this subject, but every effort to prepare the country against danger from Hitler and his associates is still decried as hysterical. The effect of all such talk if it has any effect is to encourage the enemies of the United States.

Now brother pastor, and brother Sunday school superintendent and every teacher: All this talk about State Missions; all this writing and publishing about it will come exactly to nothing unless you give the people in your church and Sunday school an opportunity to make a special offering on State Mission Day, Oct. 27. If it stops short of an offering to secure financial support for State Missions, the responsibility for the failure will be found piled up at your door. Of course there are some who will not read this, and haven't read what the State Secretary or anybody else has said. These are responsible for their ignorance.

Dr. T. W. Green was selected moderator of Copiah Association and Mr. J. B. Robinson clerk.

The French government at Vichy under the domination of Hitler has closed all Masonic lodges and permitted Jesuits to return to the country.

First Church, Biloxi, welcomed into her fellowship one new member at the mid-week prayer service on Wednesday, October 16th, and eight on Sunday, October 20; two for baptism.—G. C. Hodge, Pastor.

The Clarion Ledger of Monday gives an account of the fine beginning of the meeting at First Church, Sunday. Dr. Charlie Taylor preached and his brother Laurie Taylor has charge of the music. The large auditorium was crowded to capacity and the people seemed genuinely responsive. The meeting continues for three weeks with services only at night.

At Buck Branch Church near Bogalusa Evangelist Barney Walker will preach in the revival meeting beginning November 3, and Pastor Eli Callahan will have charge of the prayer and praise services. On Sunday there will be morning and afternoon services with dinner at the church. Friends are invited to come and all are asked to pray for a much needed revival.

Rev. P. E. Cullom who went to Clintwood, Va., from Mississippi has been called to the church at Cambria, Va. He says: "They have between three and four hundred members and a nice new modernly equipped plant that is almost completely paid for. This town is not far from Roanoke in the beautiful fruit and stock raising section of Virginia. Any of our Mississippi friends have an invitation to come up and see us sometime."

Copiah County Association shows a total membership in 28 churches of 7,119; baptized in the past year 298; received by letter 273; gifts to all purposes \$36,134.82; to missions and benevolences \$5,697.75; Sunday school enrollment 3,214; B. T. U. 1,364; W. M. U. 831; Baptist Records taken 419. We doubt if this last item is accurate, as one church takes about 300. Not all churches report this item.

Pastor M. C. Whitten writes joyfully about the Lord's blessing on the church at Hernando which celebrates its Centennial Sunday, October 27. More about that later. In his letter he says: He is glad to be back home in Mississippi. In the last few weeks there have been more than 50 additions, mostly by baptism. A good new B. T. U. averages about 80. Seven are to be baptized Sunday. The largest Sunday school attendance in two years. And still growing. The pastor adds: The every family plan is one of great power in getting the work started. We are adding new names to the list. We have the best paper in the nation, and I mean just that.

About this time of the year just before sweet potatoes are harvested many farmers turn the cows in on the patch and let them eat all the vines they want. When this writer was a small boy we had a cow named Molly. She didn't care much about the potato vines but she was very fond of the potatoes. And she had learned a trick of putting one of her horns down beside the potato hill with the result that she always got a good mess of potatoes. And that reminds me of the way many people study and teach the Bible; they just get what lies on the surface. Occasionally you find a man or a woman who has learned how to go down and get the potatoes.



## Sparks and Splinters

Pastor F. K. Horton had Dr. E. F. Haight with him in a recent meeting in First Church, Columbia, Miss.

Rev. U. K. Perego, who has been pastor in Pearl River County has been called to the pastorate of the church in Mangham, La.

For the twentieth time in 32 years brother D. W. Moulder helped in a revival meeting in Shady Grove Church, George County, where Rev. Earl Brooks is the faithful pastor for half time. The

Rev. T. P. Haskins who recently accepted the position of Mission Secretary of Louisiana Baptists has been quite ill and must take a month's rest. For this reason he has concluded that it is better for him not to undertake the work in Louisiana, and will remain in Oklahoma.

The New Harmony Baptist Church in Marshall County is very weak. Before the revival there were about six or eight members. All are tenants. Each fourth Sunday afternoon I go over from Temperance Hill and preach to them. We have just closed a good meeting with 14 additions, nine of which were by baptism.—M.

Of course everybody knew there was something in the wind when the Vatican began to speak favorably of the Vichy government in France. Now it develops that the new French dummy government has legalized convents, and allows Jesuits to teach in the schools. Jesuits have been excluded from France for many years. meeting ran from Sunday, Sept. 29 till Thursday. There were seven baptized and two additions by letter. Pastor Brooks then went for a two weeks meeting in Missouri. Three deacons were elected and ordained: brethren T. F. Bennett, Gaddy Davis and Theodore Ranger. Rev. O. U. Sullivan, principal of the high school, assisted in the ordination. The people were exceedingly kind to brother Moulder, the visiting minister.

Before the coming of Jesus into the world, it was hard to hold even God's chosen people Israel to the belief in one personal God. They were constantly lapsing into polytheism, pantheism or atheism. And the same thing is true today of Jews and all who reject the Lord Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God. A majority of Jews in the world today have little or no religious convictions or theological certainties. Mr. Einstein is not singular in this by any means. He is just a sample of the vast majority of Jews. There is no certainty about God in the minds of those who reject Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. They who do not know the Son do not know the Father. Jesus said "No man cometh to the Father except by me." He said also, "No man knoweth the Father except the Son and he to whom the Son willeth to reveal him."

Last week devout Jews observed the day of Atonement. Gentiles were made aware of it by the closing of business houses. Of course the observance was only symbolic for there is no temple, no high priest, no holy of holies, no blood sprinkled upon the mercy seat. The Lord has seen to it that the day of Atonement which He instituted through the Levitical priesthood has been abolished. Those things were but a shadow of the things which were fulfilled on the cross. But these devout Jews still keep in mind the necessity for atonement. They are conscious of their need of it. They are at the same time conscious of the ineffectiveness of the atonement which they make. If the atonement on Jewish altars were effective it would never need to be repeated from year to year. But Jesus when he made atonement did it once for all, never to be repeated. "By one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. Their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is there is no more offering for sin." Catholics would never again go to the sacrifice of the mass if they knew about and believed in the sacrifice for sins which was made once for all on Calvary.

The people of Shawnee, Okla., have begun raising \$30,000 to build a gymnasium for Oklahoma Baptist University located in that city.

The Oklahoma Baptist Orphanage receives \$26,763.50 from the estate of two men who recently passed away in that state. It will be used for buildings. From one of these estates gifts are made to other benevolences amounting to about \$16,000.

The papers report several cases in the United States where young men between 21 and 36 years of age refused to comply with the law requiring them to register. This is a queer freak of "conscience." The law permits them to indicate that they are conscientious objectors to military service, and if they are sincere, they are excused from military service. If people refuse to obey the law they ought to suffer the consequences of their disobedience. It is probable that in the cases referred to above, they were prompted by the desire to be considered martyrs, when they were just plain dumb.

Missionary James D. Belote received from the Baptist Bible Institute summa cum laude on his examination for the degree of Doctor of Theology. Mr. Belote will send his thesis back from China. He is on his way there as an appointee of the Foreign Mission Board, having resigned as pastor in Greenville, South Carolina. Rev. James A. Wilcox, who has been assistant pastor at the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, succeeds Mr. Belote in the Greenville Church.

Brethren E. W. Willis and Sidney Tubbee and Deacon Robert Willis came to the Ridge Homo Church (Indian) near here for three days of meeting last week. There were three professions of faith and the church was revived and reorganized. They called brother Bart Gibson of Conehatta to be their pastor. At the Jones County Baptist Association meeting at Fairfield last week enough funds were raised to completely recondition the Indian house of worship. This is being done now. This work thrived for some years but lately it has been disorganized. It is the only church of any sort on the Bogue Homo Reservation, and we are hoping and praying that the work is genuinely revived.—Eug. I. Farr, Clerk, Jones County Baptist Association.

Ellison Salley of Mississippi College will be ordained October 27th, 10:00 a. m. at his home church, Ebenezer (Holmes County) where he is now pastor. Dr. F. J. Chastain of Lexington, Miss., has called a presbytery together to examine the candidate. Dr. M. O. Patterson, head of the Christianity Department of Mississippi College, will preach the ordination sermon after which Dr. J. G. Chastain, who was a missionary to Mexico and Cuba for some sixty years, will deliver the charge to the church. Rev. H. M. Kinlaw, a student in Mississippi College, will deliver the charge to the pastor and present the Bible. All ordained Baptist ministers, deacons, and other friends of the candidate are invited to be present at this service.

Some people seem to be confused by the fact that in the conflict between nations people on both sides are praying for victory. They say it is impossible for God to answer the prayers of both, and so what's the use. To such people prayer seems to be futile if not an actual mockery. They join the world in discrediting prayer. Why should Christians not pray for victory for their armies? We can pray for anything that we fight for. If we cannot pray for it we ought not to fight for it. And if we fight for the attainment of any purpose we ought to pray for it. Prayer and action go along together whether it be fighting, or preaching, or making a crop. Surely we ought to examine our hearts and our cause and see to it that our cause is just and our hearts are right with God. We ought to get rid of anything in our hearts and lives, personal or national which prevents the blessing of God. We must not ask him to sanctify our sins. And if God does not give us what we ask, we must seek to find out the reason for it and accept the judgment of God as righteous and final. There is something wrong with the Christian who does not pray God for victory.

## Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

### "PREPARING FOR OLD AGE"

One of the prayers that every minister ought to continually pray is best expressed in Brownings oft quoted lines,

"Grow old with me,  
The best of life is yet to be,  
The last is that for which  
the first was made."

The force of this grows on us because inevitably much of our ministry is concerned with the personal problems and situation of people who are in late middle life and old age. Over and over again we are amazed at the beauty of character and spirit that some elderly people manifest. And just as often we are appalled at the unnecessary misery and woe that many old people bring upon themselves and others by attitudes which can produce only grief.

Every person ought to realize that one of these days they are going to get old. Each year that we live while we journey to the land of old age is putting something into our experiences and spirit which is going to affect in a very positive way how we will think and feel about things then.

I have known many parents who suffered sadly from the neglect and ingratitude of their children. I have seen not a few children who suffered dreadfully because of the unfair attitude of their aged parents. Some parents make themselves the slaves of their children and bear burdens for them that the children had better carry for themselves. On the other hand, I have known not a few parents who wanted their children to be slaves to them. Some mothers are the sweetest dearest, most unselfishly devoted persons in the world and some are selfish and filled with a petulant complaining attitude that takes a lot of grace to bear.

### CAMP WORK BY SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

President W. W. Hamilton writes asking that we urge our Baptist people to do everything possible toward giving the gospel message to those who are being called into service and into training camps.

The Public Relations Committee recently held an important meeting in Washington to consider this and other matters of vital interest. Southern Baptists must not fail to take advantage of the opportunity and must measure up to the responsibility.

The fact that great numbers of these men from other states as well as from our own will be encamped in the South is a challenge to us. Churches and pastors and workers will surely do their best to establish contacts, to minister in vital ways, to win the lost to Christ, to strengthen the saved against unusual temptations, and to make our churches positive factors for righteousness.

Pastor Nix preached to full houses at Centerville Church, Jones County, Oct. 13. There were 66 in Sunday school and 88 in B. T. U., a record attendance. The church has a real program for the new year. New officers in the church are making good preparation for another year. Mr. John Butler is Sunday school superintendent and Mr. Joe Simmons leads the B. T. U.

Central Baptist Church (Holmes County) recently called Ellison Salley as pastor upon the resignation of Rev. Madison Flowers of Goodman. The newly organized Sunday school there is making fine progress, and last Sunday, Oct. 13th, the church selected a committee to begin raising money for some necessary repairs to the church building. Any one desiring to contribute to this cause may address the church clerk, Mrs. W. J. McDaniel, Pickens, Miss., Route 1. Donations are needed and will be greatly appreciated.



# CAMP SHELBY CHALLENGES MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

At no time in the past have Mississippi Baptists been so challenged as at the present with reference to Camp Shelby and the more than 75,000 soldiers who will ultimately be stationed there.

About four weeks ago I held a revival at the McLaurin Baptist Church, one and one-fourth miles south of the camp's southern boundary. The opportunity of Camp Shelby struck me very forcefully, so much so that I called a meeting of the Baptist pastors of Hattiesburg and told them of our new mission field. Dr. D. A. McCall, on invitation, came down and looked the camp over, then met with the pastors of Lebanon Association and they asked that I serve the McLaurin Baptist Church and Camp Shelby until the Convention met. This I agreed to do.

Thus far, although there are about 10,000 workmen in the camp, there is not more than 500 or 600 soldiers. Thousands of soldiers will be in camp before the first of December. Although there will be a regular army chaplain with each designated group of soldiers of a thousand or more, the real religious life of the camp is going to be the responsibility of the surrounding churches. Many of these young men are coming from homes like yours and mine; from cross-road villages and from fourth-time church communities. They will be in the army for only a year so they have a regard for their future. As one of the chaplains not stationed at Camp Shelby said: "They have had the urge of their mother, their home, their sweethearts, their church and pastor. Now, if we can give them an additional urge while in camp we can return them to their firesides clean and healthy." Another said: "A soldier usually does what is offered him. If everything offered is of the off-color variety, he will go that way. But if of the better sort, he will go that way." Major . . . (I do not have the privilege of using his name) said: "The religious life of these boys is Baptist responsibility. I came from the North but I have found that this is a Baptist state and surely the southern part of Mississippi is predominately Baptist. If you people do not make preparation for them, the responsibility will be yours." Lieutenant . . . said: "Soldiers who have to spend most of their time in hospitals do not make for the best. If they have nothing offered them but scarlet women who will leave their bodies diseased; night clubs that will leave them with a hangover; dance halls that will leave them physically worn and dissipated, they will not develop into the kind of young men we need. The right kind of religious life and clean entertainment will do much to keep them from such places." Another lieutenant said: "It is my firm belief that a large majority of these boys are members of some church. Why should they have to forgo the opportunity of attending Sunday school and church?"

Hattiesburg is enlarging dance halls and building new ones if needed. The worldly group is spending literally thousands of dollars on beer joints, night clubs and other places to draw them aside and get their money. Hattiesburg is itself advocating open picture shows on Sunday and others are being built. Can we sit idly by and not meet this challenge?

The program thus far, in connection with our work, has been necessarily slow. First, because the few soldiers that are in camp are there on special detail and do not have the leisure time on their hands they will have later. Second, because there is such a small number of them with which to work. We are thus far offering them Sunday school and B. T. U. each Sunday, besides the morning and evening messages. We have a "sing" each Tuesday night that is fairly well attended, and a prayer service and a speaker from our association each Thursday night. We also have special music from the churches of Hattiesburg to help in the work. Friday night is open just now for camp activities. Later on there will be something for each night in the week, working in conjunction, of course, with the camp program

which has not been formulated as yet but is in the making.

Three other denominations have tried to make an entrance into this field but thus far have made no visible progress. Among the most active have been the Catholics. But we are on the ground and doing business. If we will meet this challenge; if we will do the thing in a big way, we will not reach all of them but we will reach a large number of them. But if we reach only ONE and that one happens to be YOUR boy, we would be grateful for the opportunity.

—M. E. Perry, State Evangelist.

## A GOOD MAN DIES WHEN A BOY GOES WRONG

John A. Farmer

Approved State Intermediate Worker

Are boys and girls a wonder? With such conditions around them is it not a wonder that we have so many fine boys and girls? They are my main interest, the compelling motive of my endeavors, and that undertaking to which, unto God, I have dedicated my life. It is for them, therefore, that I beg a place in your interest and time.

Read God's Word: "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children."—Exodus 6:4-7a.

One hundred years ago 93% of public school textbooks was scriptural and moral instruction. Today it is less than 3½%. Our schools are not teaching the fundamentals of God. I wonder if they are not so busy teaching boys and girls how to make a living that they have forgotten to teach them how to live! How to live eternally! I wonder if some of our schools are no more than a gymnasium with a few classrooms attached? We must reach our boys and girls to teach them God's Word or some of them won't be taught.

Our homes, generally, are not teaching the commands of God as He said do. Most people have made themselves so miserable trying to have a better time than the other fellow that they have missed the beauties, the comforts, the peace of the home. The home now is mostly regarded as that house where the car is kept when not in use, or that place to go to catch up on lost sleep when there's no where else to go, or perhaps—the free lunch room with sleeping quarters upstairs.

With the breakdown of the home we find foes creeping in to ruin our boys and girls. The filthy morals of Hollywood, the corruption of trashy literature, and the restraint-destroying influence of jazz and jitterbugs could not sap the sweetness from our maidens, and rob our boys of their integrity and strength until the home let down the bars. Build up the home in Christ, and you build boys and girls—fearless, strong, true—an honor to the home, and sure of Heaven. As Christian leaders and workers, we must teach them Christian ideals and standards in spite of the let-down of the home.

What conditions do our boys and girls face in the future? I wonder. In 1938, 1,833,466,165 gallons of alcoholic beverages were consumed. This cost \$3,159,639,881.50, or \$24.32 average per person in the United States. Fifty-seven percent of all auto accidents were caused by drinking drivers. 53% of social diseases are contracted while that person is under the influence of liquor. \$44,520,000 income is lost because of these diseases, to say nothing of drugs, hospital, and doctor bills. Over \$3,000,000,000 of the tax payers' money was spent by people on relief for liquor from 1933-38. There are 4,600,000 criminals in the U. S. Crime cost our people \$16,000,000,000 every year. The American Institute of Public Opinion states that five out of every ten people in the United States engaged in some form of gambling last year. Over six billion dollars was spent in this way. Thinking of the enormous expenditure for crime, gambling, and liquor, think of only \$2,000,000,000 spent on all forms of

public education, and only \$800,000,000 spent on all religions and charities annually, in the United States. National Forum says that there are three times as many girls employed in saloons and beer joints as are enrolled in all the colleges of the U. S. I wonder where this will all end? I wonder who is going to pay for that half million dollar night club on the coast? The fathers and mothers of our boys and girls, that's who will pay, and pay dearly!

Do you wonder what the general condition of our boys and girls is? Millions are lost and on the road to hell! Three out of five never go to church nor Sunday school. Five million are being reared in broken homes—broken by divorce, sin, crime. There are 20,000 boy and girl tramps in America today, between the ages of 12-18. The awful thing about that is—one out of every 12 is a girl! Over 50,000 boys and girls in Mississippi from 10-16 years of age never attend church in any fashion.

Do you wonder what they need? They need a Christian home to instill in them those Christian ideals and attitudes that only the hearth and fireside can give. They need a Christian friend who will lead them and counsel with them. They need sympathetic and patient understanding to guide them over the stormy period of their lives. They need a definite experience of salvation before their character becomes crystallized, and their attitudes are hardened by sin and vice. A godly, consecrated Sunday school teacher can give a child these things, even if the home does fail. Judge Fossett of Brooklyn says: "Of over 4,000 boys under 21 that I have sentenced only three attended Sunday school. Do you, Sunday school teachers, see your possibilities and responsibilities?"

Do you wonder how you can help? Set the right example! When youth falls it is an adult that trips him. When a youngster succeeds it is in the steps of a noble older person.

How can you help? PRAY. God honors His saints, and many a boy and girl have been saved from folly and sin because of mother's prayers. And you can demand protection and law enforcement for our boys and girls. L-i-s-t-e-n!

Millport, Ala., Dec. 5, 1939.

To the Citizens of Lowndes County, Miss.:

Today I am the heartbroken mother of a son who was killed in one of the many hell-holes, called roadhouses, in Lowndes County. I am writing this letter to appeal to the people to do something about it.

The night of November 30th, my son left home, happy and carefree, seeking adventure just as your boy who is only twenty years of age has done many times. He was young and brave and did not see danger anywhere. He went to one of those terrible pitfalls of sin, and a man old enough for his father killed him. I am not making excuses for him because he was in the wrong place. BUT WHY SHOULD THERE BE A WRONG PLACE FOR THE YOUNG?

My heart is broken for my son . . . I am praying that God will some way use this tragedy for the betterment of all the surrounding country. This is my message to the people of Lowndes County.

Mrs. L. K. McAdam.

Because I love boys and girls; because I believe in Matthew 28:19-20; because a good man dies when a boy goes wrong I beg of you a place in your time, your interests, and your prayers for these boys and girls.

A part of every good man's taxes in this country is spent for liquor, not for himself, but for other folks. It is said that in five years after repeal three billion dollars were spent for liquor by people who are on government relief. This is an outrage on justice and decency.

Dr. W. E. Holcomb has been named by Gov. Johnson as head of the Public Relations Department in the state selective draft headquarters in Jackson. He is given the rank of major in the National Guard of Mississippi. His home will be in Jackson. His work will be as coordinator between the military department and civilians.



# EDITORIALS

## A FAIR SHOW IN THE FLESH

It is singular that our religion should so often be accompanied with low motives and unholy methods. These seem always to be cropping out in unexpected places. One would think they would be afraid and ashamed to show their heads among people who are carrying on the Lord's work. But every one of us has to look out for them when we are most earnestly and zealously seeking to carry on the Lord's work.

In the book of Job you will read that when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, then Satan also came with them. It's an old habit of his. And Paul says our conflict is not with flesh and blood, but with the spiritual forces of wickedness—in the heavenly places. Even in the account of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness, when He had gotten the victory, it is said that the devil left him—for a season. He is sure to come back.

Paul said in writing to the Philippians, that some preach Christ of envy. They don't want somebody to get ahead of them in results. There were those "who proclaimed Christ of faction"; they wanted to attract followers or adherents to themselves. And in that passage in Galatians (6:14) which reaches the heights in Christian motive and attainment, he puts right along by the side of "glory only in the cross of Christ," the contrasting motive of others who desired "to make a fair show in the flesh."

Whenever we begin to congratulate ourselves on how well we have done; whenever we begin to compare ourselves proudly with others, it is time to hear what Paul says about those who measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves. He says they are without understanding. There is a better way of measuring ourselves.

Preachers, editors and secretaries and administrators all need to watch our step in this matter. We know of no place where there is greater danger of trying to make a fair show in the flesh than in "reports" of every sort. These may be reports made to a convention, or reports made to the general public.

At Ridgecrest a year ago Dr. Burroughs was telling the congregation gathered in the great auditorium about how many the room would seat, and when he gave the figures he added "ministerially speaking"; and everybody laughed. This ministerially speaking is not confined to the account of the size of our crowds. Modesty and truthfulness, fairness and a regard for facts ought always to be in evidence.

When Paul was defending himself and his ministry in his Second Letter to the Corinthians, it is evident that his finer soul revolted at the apparent exaltation of himself. He apologizes for writing as he did. He says, "I speak not after the Lord, but as in foolishness," 11:17. He goes to the extreme of modesty and self-negation, saying, "I forbear, lest any man should account of men above that which he seeth me to be, or heareth from me." Not many of us are afflicted with such modesty.

Many seem to purpose to build up a reputation, and magnify their own part in the Lord's work, to the neglect of those parts for which they are not directly responsible. They seem willing for some phases of the Lord's work to suffer if they can only preserve a good appearance or make a reputation.

The cure for this is the cross of Christ in one's own personal experience. The highest and hardest attainment of a Christian in our humble judgment is to be able to say in truth, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world hath been crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

First Church, Oklahoma City includes \$2,000 in its budget to send the state paper to every family in the church.

## WHY A STATE CONVENTION?

This age of ours has for a crest on its helmet and shield the "Interrogation Mark." Everything must give the reason for its existence. The answer to this determines whether or not the institution or custom or creed may survive. Our Mississippi Baptist Convention, along with others of like kind is no exception. All must give a reason for their existence.

Certainly there must be reasons for conventions, for in our day they have multiplied. There is hardly a week in which we do not get report of some sort of convention. They may be "ancient and honorable," or they may be brand new and not so honorable. They range all the way from a Baptist convention to a liquor dealers' convention. They are political, social, industrial, patriotic, historical, religious and all down (or up) the line. They are D.A.R., G.A.R., U.D.C., C.V.A., Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A., Saloon League, Anti-Saloon League, Legionaires, Democrat, Republican, and on ad infinitum. There must be a reason. Every organization finds a convention necessary to its existence and to carry on its work.

If a Rotary, Kiwani, Masonic, Medical, Legal, or other convention is necessary to its proper functioning, then surely a Baptist State Convention is a necessity to our work as Mississippi Baptists. It is all the more necessary because of the multiplicity of the other conventions. For if we don't have a get-together and provide a way of working together, the other conventions will absorb all the time and energy of our people and their will be none left to carry on the Lord's work. The truth is that already many of our people are ready to go to almost any sort of convention except a Baptist Convention. While we were busy here and there the very task the Lord gave us remains undone, and the opportunity for doing the most important thing in life escapes us.

But the question keeps bobbing up, why have a convention? Why have any convention? for the reasons in most cases are alike. We do not know how many reasons there are, but we do know of three. The first of these is Fellowship. In its larger sense fellowship might cover the whole ground. But we are speaking now of the desire for companionship among people of common interests, tastes, desires and ambitions. That is at the bottom of all social life or organization, whether in the family, the church, the club, fraternity, sorority, association or what not. "Birds of a feather flock together." Baptists, all Christians of like faith, like faith, common, having common life, and aim and aspirations, these get together for the joy of fellowship. This probably explains the early organization of Baptist Associations. The attraction of spiritual gravitation.

All organizations have learned that their continued existence depends on the creation and perpetuation of enthusiasm. Brass bands, street parades, speech making are used by many of them for publicity, to quicken the interest of their own membership and to enlarge the scope of their work. Some fires won't burn without fanning; no fire will burn unless there is a draft. The greater the draft the greater the heat engendered and power produced. That is why factories and forges have tall smoke stacks. A Baptist Convention is necessary to maintain interest at high tide. Those who attend get the benefit of it, and it is passed on to their churches and entire membership. The attendance is an index of the interest (or the lack of it) and it is a sure means of creating deeper interest in the Lord's work. All of us ought to be concerned about that.

But a Baptist Convention has another and a greater value and higher purpose. It is the only place and time when our people all have the opportunity to share in making the plans and determining the policies of our work. Practically all participation in and preparation for the work which our Baptist people are doing in the world is dependent on and determined by the State Convention.

To be sure the Southern Baptist Convention

works out plans for Southwide interests. But what share we shall have in them, how much we shall do for them is determined in our State Convention. The whole set-up for carrying out the work is made or authorized by the State Convention. And for the work in the state, whether it be educational, benevolent, missionary or evangelistic, this must be provided for by the State Convention.

In a State Convention there is opportunity for anybody to participate. Suggestions and motions may come from any representative of any church in the state. It is the duty of every church to be represented. It is the privilege of any Baptist to say what he chooses for the advancement of the work. Brother, consider seriously if it is not your duty to be at the convention.

## RELIGION IN THE HOME—FATHERS

Ephesians 6:4f

Last week we learned from Paul's letter to the Ephesians what not to do to children. But a negative attitude is not enough. We are told not to provoke children to wrath. And now Paul says that fathers must bring up their children in the discipline and training of the Lord. The old version says, "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The American Version says, "Nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord."

It will be noted of course that the primary responsibility is put upon fathers rather than on mothers. In the injunction to children they were told to obey their parents. They were told to honor both father and mother. But when it comes to the giving direction to the child's life, Paul puts this upon the fathers. We merely note the fact. You may work out the reasons for it. A father's duty consists largely in giving direction to their lives, in pointing the way and leading them into the right attitude to life, to understand the significance and purpose of life, the seriousness of it, the actual business of living. It is not to be taken lightly. It is not an accident, and not to be left to aimless drifting, or to be driven by the wind.

The child is to be under discipline. We do not like the word chastening here used in the American Version. Chastening may be needed at times, but that is not the primary idea, nor the chief means of training. The child is under guardianship, is subject to parental care and direction, including proper instruction. The word "nurture" in the King James Version is a translation of the word which forms a part of our word pedagogy, also of pediatrics (the medical care of children). It means that attention must be given to the proper direction and development of the child life. They are not to be turned loose to run wild on the streets, as some children of our acquaintance are, by day or night, the fathers and mothers not knowing where they are. Children under age are not responsible before the law of man. Their parents must be responsible for them. If the father is too busy, or the mother too much involved in worldly or social engagements, the child will suffer for life and probably for eternity. God holds parents responsible for the sort of children they have.

The word for "admonition" here means putting something into the mind. The education of a child consists in putting something into its head. Of course that includes information, knowledge. But it means more; it means putting wholesome ideas and high and right ideals into the child's mind. This is done by example and precept. Children learn from their parents before they are conscious of learning. Most that we learn in the world is done unconsciously. And this purpose should never be lost sight of by the father. It is what you put into a child's head, more than what you put into his stomach that is important, and which makes or mars his life.

And notice that it is in the nurture and admonition "of the Lord." We must get our ideals from the Lord. We must teach the children that it is the will of God which is to be the final factor in determining what is right and good. We must bring them into contact with Him, and into sub-



jection to Him. They cannot stay under our charge more than a few years. But they will be in his charge forever. We cannot always direct them and shield them. They grow out of our circle and make homes and lives of their own. And at best our ideals are imperfect. But the will of the Lord is righteous and wise forevermore. The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul.

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### KNOW MISSISSIPPI BETTER

When God appeared to Moses in Mount Horeb in the burning bush, He said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their task masters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come to deliver them." This is God's way of saying that if you know the conditions you will be moved to do something about them.

Of course we must know something about God first. So when he spoke to Moses, he first taught him reverence, "Take off thy shoes." He taught Moses that God had a personal interest in these people, "I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham," etc. And then God reveals his gracious purpose to help these people. It is still true that "God so loved the world." And he starts with a certain definite group.

Not only does he announce his purpose to help and deliver them. But he purposes to use human agencies to do it: "I will send thee." God had a world purpose and plan in mind. But he must have a starting place, a base for operations.

There is no limit to be put upon missionary effort. But God needs first of all a place from which to operate, a group of men through whom he may work. State Missions is his way of starting world missions. State Missions must always be his main source of supply for all missions. We are asked next Sunday to strengthen our State Mission work. It sorely needs it. Aside from the amounts given to maintain our various departments we are probably giving no more to State Missions than we were thirty years ago; that is the amount given to keeping missionaries at their posts has not increased. Our people do not seem to know how many unsaved people, how many churchless communities there are in Mississippi. We need to "Know Mississippi Better."

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A large congregation from a number of nearby churches came together at Branch Consolidated School building eight miles north of Morton in Scott County, Sunday afternoon to counsel with people of the community about organizing a Baptist Church. Rev. A. L. Mills, a student in Mississippi College has been preaching here for some time. Present were Dr. A. A. Kitchings, Dr. A. B. Wood, Rev. R. D. Jordan, Rev. Wm. Redd and the Editor of the Record. The last named was asked to act as Moderator. The purpose to organize was approved, the church was organized, taking the name of Groveton Baptist Church. Brother A. L. Mills was elected Pastor. There are fifteen or twenty in the new organization and they are ready to begin business. They applied for membership in Scott County Association. A church house is now under construction to be used by Baptists and Presbyterian.

Those returning from the State B. S. U. Convention at Columbus report a meeting of great spiritual power. There were more than a thousand young people from the colleges in Mississippi, state, denominational and private institutions. There were high tides of enthusiasm and deep movings of soul. These young people had opportunity for conference and inspiration among themselves. And they had opportunity to hear messages from some of the greatest souls among Southern Baptists. They mention the addresses of Dr. R. G. Lee and of Miss Daniels as of special interest. And on Sunday morning when Dr. Claud Bowen of Jackson preached there were many moved to rededicate their lives to the Lord. The president of the B. S. U. elected to serve for the new year is Mr. Billy Watson, now of Jones County Junior College, to be a ministerial student in Mississippi College in 1941.

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b ("Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe.")

The Union Association met with Union Church Baptist Church at Union Church, Miss. Rev. John W. Cook is the pastor. Both pastor and people were at their best as hosts for the Association. Officers were: R. A. Eddleman, Moderator; Mack Jones, Clerk. Moderator Eddleman is the kind of Moderator that makes everybody feel that they are the honored guest.

Baptist Record readers for Union Association are listed below: PORT GIBSON 30; HERMANVILLE 25; UNITY 13; ELMO 20; Fayette 2; FELLOWSHIP (LORMAN) 28; Union Church 5.

Several expressed interest in the EVERY FAMILY Plan and promised to promote it.

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### BEFORE AND AFTER

Eupora not only has the EVERY FAMILY Plan but likes it. Evidently it helps, for Pastor J. R. Reedy gave us the following facts concerning recent progress there. The church went from one half to three-fourths time and has now gone to full time. The old budget was \$1648. The new budget is \$3,000. The Baptist Record is no cure-all but it does help.

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### EVERY FAMILY CHURCHES LEAD IN ZION ASSOCIATION

There are two EVERY FAMILY churches in Zion Association. The average gifts for missions, etc. per EVERY FAMILY church was \$269.93. There are 29 non-EVERY FAMILY churches. Their average was \$9.09.

Comparing only country churches we find that the average for the EVERY FAMILY church is \$46.65. The non EVERY FAMILY churches averaged \$9.09.

THE EF PLAN DOES HELP.

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### LEAKE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Convening in the new church house at New Zion, the Leake County Association started off with a full house. And as we had to leave before lunch (to make another association), we started off from New Zion with full plates. The good ladies fixed us a real association dinner. We suspect that Pastor Jodie Moore gave them the hint.

Knowing good officers when they see them, the association re-elected Rev. P. D. Bragg and Dr. J. W. W. Lyle as moderator and clerk.

We were given generous time to tell about the EVERY FAMILY Plan. As several Leake County churches have the Plan and their pastors were ready to testify to its worth, we are expecting more E F churches from the State of Leake.

Subscribers in Leake County are listed as follows: R. F. D. Lena 2; Lena 7; WALNUT GROVE 85; R-2 Walnut Grove 1; Tuscola 26; Mt. Zion 1; CARTHAGE 63; R-3 Carthage 1; Dossville 1; Standing Pine 24; Rocky Point 1; Oak Grove 9; Mars Hill 17; Mt. Carmel 17; Bolatusha 1; Good Hope 23; Pleasant Hill 16.

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### WINSTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Winston County Association elects its officers but they do not take office until the close of the association. Officers elected were J. L. Ward, Moderator and Rev. J. H. Gunn, Clerk. Rev. C. C. Weaver, presided over the 1940 sessions. Poplar Flat and Pastor Lavon Moore entertained the association in a delightful way. Several questions about the work were asked and we hope satisfactorily answered.

We explained the EVERY FAMILY Plan and several promised to try to get it adopted.

Subscribers in Winston County are listed as follows: LIBERTY 29; GOOD HOPE 40; R.F.D.

Louisville 5; LOUISVILLE 85; Holly Grove 2; Calvary 4; NOXAPATER 89; Bethesda 1; EL-LISON RIDGE 80; Union Ridge 1; High Point 1.

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### ITTAWAMBA COUNTY

No association has given us a more cordial welcome than Ittawamba County. They gave us a good place on the program and we tried to explain just how good the EVERY FAMILY Plan is. Several expressed a desire to see it adopted in their own churches.

Ittawamba county has Record readers as follows: Fulton 1; Berea 8; Dorsey 2; LIBERTY GROVE 10; Ozark 5.

### COPIAH COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Copiah County Association is one of the largest in Mississippi. And so was the dinner. Bethel church, Rev. M. P. Jones, was the host church. It is one of our best country churches with a spacious auditorium and several Sunday school rooms. We spoke on the EVERY FAMILY Plan in the morning and on the Cooperative Program in the afternoon. Officers elected were T. W. Gunn, Moderator, J. B. Robinson, Clerk and W. G. Sumrall, Treasurer.

Subscribers in Copiah County are listed as follows: CRYSTAL SPRINGS 288; Hazlehurst 12; R.F.D. Crystal Springs 3; ANTIOCH 19; Wesson 9; R.F.D. Wesson 4; Gallman 3; Sardis 6; STRONG HOPE 19; Macedonia 7; Zion Hill 6; GEORGETOWN 44; ROCKPORT (all) 5; Pleasant Hill 1; Sardis 5; Shady Grove 1; Verna 1.

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### LINCOLN COUNTY W. M. U.

Southside Church, McComb, was host to the annual associational meeting of the Pike County W. M. U.

Every section of the county was represented and greatly enjoyed the splendid program prepared by Mrs. Edna Watkins Hewitt and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell, Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer.

The following program was rendered:

Devotional—Equipment for Labor—Mrs. J. D. McKinley.

Greetings—Mrs. George Bronson.

Response—Mrs. H. E. Coney.

Mission Study—Mrs. Ellen Bergold.

Stewardship—Mrs. J. B. Quin.

Personal Service—Mrs. H. L. Simmons.

Secretary's Report—

Young People's Work—Mrs. J. H. Lane.

White Cross—Mrs. Will Meadows.

Superintendent's Message—"Our Master"—Mrs. Edna Watkins Hewitt.

Reports of Committees?

Resolutions—Chairman, Mrs. Wyatt R. Hunter.

In Memoriam—Chairman, Mrs. W. H. Meadows.

Nominations—Chairman, Mrs. H. P. Mosley, Jr.

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Inquiries have been made of our office as to what names were signed to the minority report made by members of the Commission of Twenty. There were no names on the report, but we were told that is represented the votes of Mr. E. D. Hurst of Laurel, Rev. J. A. Barnhill and Dr. W. E. Holcomb of Hattiesburg. There were about twelve who signed the majority report, according to information given us.

Way back in the first chapters of Genesis we come in contact with sin. We know of no place where the nature of sin can be observed or studied more easily and objectively. There is plenty of material right there for a series of sermons on Sin. We are thinking of it now, as its nature is revealed in that short crisp sentence, "Sin croucheth at the door." These are God's words, and they are His description of sin. He represents it as a crouching ravenous beast intent on the destruction of the soul of man. It waits at the door of his home ready to leap on him as he goes forth to his work. You can finish the picture and it will be easy to illustrate it from experiences and from what you read in the daily papers.



## OPEN LETTER TO MISS. BAPTISTS

Several criticisms have been offered concerning the proposed report of the Commission of Twenty to the Convention. As a member of that Commission the writer of this letter feels certain that these criticisms have been offered in the best spirit. This letter is sent to Mississippi Baptists through The Baptist Record simply in an effort to set forth the real spirit of the Commission.

An article appearing recently in The Baptist Record set forth the fact that a minority report would be submitted. However, no statement was made as to how many members of the Commission would sign the minority report. So far as the Commission officially knows only one member plans to submit this minority report. If other members of the Commission expect to sign the minority report, then certainly the Commission has a right to be informed of this fact. Mississippi Baptists should also know that the recommendations of the minority were presented to the Commission, and that the Commission could not see fit to make these recommendations to the Convention.

The statement has been made that apparently the Commission has entirely failed to understand the work it was supposed to do. Quoting from the action of the Convention this Commission was "to study the entire present financial needs of all our Convention work, and seek to formulate a practical plan to meet these needs—the plans to be submitted to the next annual session of the Convention." This Commission was also authorized and instructed "to make a report in The Baptist Record two months before the next annual session of the Convention, such report to include a complete and detailed statement of all debts of the Convention and her several institutions, and to include the Commission's proposed recommendations." The statement of debts and needs was published some time ago. If the Commission is criticized for not submitting the needs and debts again, along with the recommendations, the failure to do this was simply caused by a desire to save space. The action of the Commission definitely calls for presenting findings, recommendations, and minutes in its report to the Convention.

The Commission is criticized for including some matters not pertaining to its work. Among these matters is mentioned the recommendation concerning Baptist Student Union work. This writer would make it plain that he did not personally present this matter to the Commission. He believes, however, that it is one of the needs, and has logical place in the report.

The Commission was to seek to formulate a practical plan to meet needs. This was not overlooked as some seem to think. Early in the work of the Commission Mississippi Baptists were urged to offer suggestions. Very few such suggestions came to the Commission. If some are now inclined to criticize, perhaps they should blame themselves first for not offering definite suggestions.

The Commission is not a magician. It could not wave a magic wand and make everything all right. It did not have in its hand power to pay in a year or two debts contracted and enlarged over a long period of time. Nor did it have power to suggest some easy plan by which all of the needs could be met in a few brief years. If the Commission felt that our present plan is practical, even though it is the long hard way, then why say that the Commission has recommended no practical plan? If the Commission felt it advisable frankly to admit certain obligations, and at the same time to suggest that the Commission positively reaffirm her position against various agencies contracting additional indebtedness, then why say the Commission in contradicting itself? In one case the Commission sets forth to the Convention its findings concerning what now is a fact. In the other case the Commission is recommending a practical plan to avoid the piling up of debts in the future.

The Commission finds that at the present time

the Convention and her authorized agencies have a total indebtedness of nearly one million dollars. The indebtedness may be itemized as follows:

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| <b>Bonds:</b>           |                      |
| Convention Board .....  | \$ 542,140.00        |
| Woman's College .....   | 30,000.00            |
| Hospital .....          | 45,000.00            |
| <b>Total Bonds.....</b> | <b>\$ 617,140.00</b> |

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| <b>Notes and Legal Instruments:</b>  |                      |
| Convention Board .....               | \$ 142,195.00        |
| Woman's College .....                | 45,756.20            |
| Blue Mountain College .....          | 56,609.38            |
| Mississippi College .....            | 8,832.04             |
| Clarke College .....                 | 5,612.80             |
| <b>Total Notes, Etc.....</b>         | <b>\$ 259,005.42</b> |
| <b>Grand Total Indebtedness.....</b> | <b>\$ 876,145.42</b> |

If there is added to this indebtedness the indebtedness made by auxiliary agencies in securing funds from which Convention institutions have benefitted, but for which indebtedness the Convention is in no wise legally responsible, then the total indebtedness is well over one million dollars, amounting in all to \$1,079,220.06.

In considering needs of the Convention and her institutions over a period of the next five years, the Commission sets forth the following itemized statement:

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| <b>Needs:</b>                                      |                       |
| Miss. Woman's College .....                        | \$ 285,000.00         |
| Blue Mountain College .....                        | 460,000.00            |
| Mississippi College .....                          | 443,448.10            |
| Orphanage .....                                    | 100,000.00            |
| Enlarged State and Southwide Mission Program ..... | 900,000.00            |
| <b>Total Needs .....</b>                           | <b>\$2,188,448.10</b> |
| <b>Total Debts .....</b>                           | <b>1,079,220.06</b>   |

**Grand Total Needs and Debts.....\$3,267,668.16**

Our present program is launched on the basis of \$200,000.00 a year. This would equal \$1,000,000.00 in five years.

The proposed minority report would call for the enlarged program, with the recommendation that this program be extended over a five year period.

You are now requested to give careful study to some definite questions, and to give specific answers; not on the basis of what we could do if all Baptists paid the tithe, nor on the basis of what could be done if Mississippi Baptists paid a certain amount per capita, but in the light of experience.

1. Will Mississippi Baptists sufficiently increase their gifts so as to make possible the successful enlargement of their program of work to at least three times its present size?

2. Can you assign definite reasons for your answer to question No. 1?

3. Will the church of which you are a member be likely to give to general denominational work, each year for five years, three times as much as that church now gives to such work?

4. Are you in a position to help lead your church by tripling your own contribution to general causes?

5. Do you believe that all the Baptist churches in your association will give to general denominational work, each year for five years, three times as much as these churches now give to such work?

6. Can you assign definite reasons for your answer to No. 5?

7. a. Do you agree that if we launch this program and fail, even then we will not lose anything? b. Does continued failure to reach our goal hurt our Baptist spirit?

8. Even though you see no reasonable hope of success, would you, in order to make one more great effort, favor a rather large expenditure of money in another painful campaign, with a doubt in your own mind of collecting enough to pay expenses of the effort?

9. If you do not favor this enlarged program, then have you any suggestions to offer concern-

ing ways and means of paying our present indebtedness?

10. If you do favor the enlarged program, and believe that Mississippi Baptists will do this, (not can but will), then have you suggestions to offer as to methods of procedure?

It ought to be known by Mississippi Baptists that some members of the Commission felt that one practical way of paying debts and meeting needs would be to eliminate agencies which have proven themselves definite financial liabilities. These members of the Commission do not favor stopping any phase of our work. They might favor readjustment of that work. At least one member of the Commission feels that the Convention must fairly face such possible readjustment, especially in the field of Christian Education.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Moody Purser

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## STOP CHEAPENING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP!

We believe that just about the least appreciated privilege that the average person possesses is church membership. Primarily this is a fault of the churches. Their corporate laxity in refusing to recognize the vital significance of church membership in the light of the New Testament teaching has caused the average church to become without regard to character and upon whom the church itself makes no positive demand. No wonder such a large number of those whose names are on our church rolls regard the church as something to be ignored or despised, used or abused, and treated as a beggar with little merit to commend its cause.

We need to get back to the fact that the New Testament presents the church to us as the bride of Christ. We need to remember that it is supposed to be a fellowship of baptized believers in Christ who have entered into a high and holy covenant with each other and with God with respect to their faith, conversation, living and service.

Our churches should have enough respect for their own integrity to require that their members forfeit their membership unless they make a reasonable effort to live up to their covenant obligations. Many of those whose names are on the church rolls of America ought to be excommunicated for their failure to make any attempt whatever to measure up to the most reasonable demands of church membership.

Church membership will never be appreciated nor will it have the significance it ought always to possess until our churches become conscious of the fact that they should enforce a reasonable discipline on their membership. We know that this is a voice crying in the wilderness. One of these days we will have to come to it. We must save our churches from the disgrace which they constantly are imposing upon themselves through their low standards of church membership.

Once men and women qualify truly to become church members they find their church membership one of the rich privileges of life.

—N. W. C.

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## NATURE OF THIS ONENESS

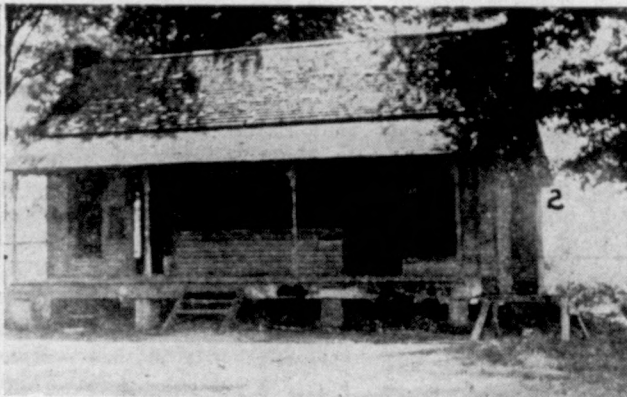
Dr. E. F. Haight, of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, in speaking on the unity for which Jesus prayed says:

"It is like the oneness of Jesus and the Father: 'That they all may be one, just as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee.' It is not a formal, but an essential unity; not organic, but vital; not the result of compulsion from without but of affinity within; not maintained by the external bonds of an organization, but by internal, spiritual bonds of a common nature; not like the staves of a barrel held by hoops, but like petals of a flower growing out from a common center; not a church unionism, but Christian unity; not uniformity but unity." Dr. Haight then goes on to say that this oneness involves: unity of experience; unity of allegiance; unity of belief, of doctrine; unity of task.



# STATE MISSIONS

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY, OCTOBER 27



CHINESE SETTLEMENT AREA

I  
LAST WORD: We are sure multitudes of Mississippi Baptists realize that our gifts to State Missions on Sunday will help determine the scope of our work for 1941 in winning many of the 700,000 lost within our borders to Christ.  
Remembering that God gave, let us give. John 3:16. II Cor. 9:15.  
Remembering that Jesus gave, let us give. II Cor. 8:9.  
Remembering that God loveth a cheerful giver, let us give. II Cor. 9:7.  
Remembering that we reap as we sow, let us give. II Cor. 9:6.  
Remembering that, "the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof," let us give!  
Remembering that "The silver and the gold is the Lord's, and the cattle upon a thousand hills," let us give!  
Remembering that God said, "The land is mine," let us give!  
Remembering that we use God's air, sunshine, time and life itself, let us give!  
Remembering the almost forgotten word of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," let us give! Acts 20:35.  
Let us do it! II Cor. 8:11.

II  
We have received more than one letter recently emphasizing the Convention's attitude toward debt increases. About 95% of the folk we meet are interested in debt retirement.  
While it would not be amiss for churches to instruct their messengers to the Convention, in our opinion the only thing that will decide issues are the votes of the messengers assembled. These votes should be under the hand of our God. It is repugnant to us—the idea of some of God's choicest being unwilling to follow His leading, or, being unable to ascertain His will.

III  
A statement of disbursements from the Executive Committee, Nashville, calls attention to needed information. The first figures are for the month of September, the next for this year to date. Southern Baptists are still in the King's Business as follows:

| DISBURSEMENTS          |         |             |
|------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Baptist Brotherhood of |         |             |
| South ..               | \$..... | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Education Commission   |         |             |

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|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| SBC .....                   |              | 2,400.00       |
| Southern Baptist Convention |              |                |
| Bonds .....                 |              | 60,000.00      |
| Foreign Mission             |              |                |
| Board ..                    | 107,982.17   | 853,897.02     |
| Home Mission Board....      | 22,365.54    | 366,340.86     |
| Relief and Annuity          |              |                |
| Board ..                    | 8,087.60     | 86,560.62      |
| Southern Baptist            |              |                |
| Hospital ..                 | 1,815.76     | 18,392.96      |
| Southern Baptist            |              |                |
| Theol. Seminary .....       | 5,087.75     | 53,884.15      |
| Southwestern Baptist        |              |                |
| Theol. Seminary .....       | 6,253.42     | 68,085.71      |
| Baptist Bible Institute..   | 4,506.41     | 46,999.79      |
| WMU (Training School        |              |                |
| and Designated) .....       | 477.66       | 5,757.38       |
| American Baptist            |              |                |
| Theol. Seminary .....       | 760.97       | 7,658.69       |
| Luther Rice Memorial....    |              | 45.71          |
| Totals.....                 | \$157,337.28 | \$1,576,022.89 |

IV  
Brother A. V. Washburn, Nashville, calls attention to Forward Young People's Day on November 10th. Brother E. C. Williams is distributing this program material. The emphasis is a very fine one.

V  
"Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit; in faith, in purity," so writes one preacher to another. See I Tim. 4:12.

Recently a college graduate, a professional man, a husband and father came to us about spiritual matters. His children were being saved and joining the church with their mother. He could not see things from the viewpoint of that church group. He invited in some preachers representing the religious views of his family. They spent the night. A favorable impression was made. The next morning one preacher told a joke. "A man who stuttered ordered from an advertisement material to help prevent his stuttering. When it came, the advice was, 'Keek your d— mouth shut.'" The preacher laughed big over the joke. The heart of the man enquirer was tender under the Spirit and he was hurt. He went to hear the preacher preach that morning. He heard the same lips now talking about Jesus and purity. It all did not harmonize.

## NOW CLUB

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I  
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No. 659 for \$36, No. 660 for \$36, No. 241 for \$50, each from a member of Sallis Church, (McLaurin, field worker).  
No. 242 for \$50, No. 261 for \$100, member of Tchula Church, (McLaurin, and Hightower, field workers).

Small wonder one of the enquirers problems was the "inconsistency of church members." His next problem was magnifying feeling before faith. His next was to stumble at the simplicity of it all.

The Spirit was present as we talked. Progress was made. The man is reading the Gospel of John and many tracts. We confidently expect to hear of his making a complete surrender to Christ soon. He is the type that makes a fine follower of Jesus when decision is made.

The decision will not be helped by the preacher who forgot I Tim. 4:12. However, that type is few and far between. He was not a Mississippi Baptist preacher. Doxology!



# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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Those of you who have not sent your State Mission Week of Prayer offering to Dr. McCall, please do so at once. We are planning to publish receipts by organizations through October 31st. You will want yours recorded in this list.

Our Royal Service subscriptions through August 31st. amounted to 3819. Our goal for 1940 is 6025.

We are not working toward a goal just for the sake of reaching a certain number but for the development of the members of the Missionary Societies. How can we pray for our work intelligently if we do not know? How can we get the full benefit of our fine programs unless we read our own magazine, Royal Service

Please send in your subscription immediately.

Copiah County W. M. U.

Dear Friends:

We are deeply grateful to you for your kind gift that has helped us so much in obtaining the equipment which we need for our new field of service. We thank God for such friends in Christ.

We sail for Uruguay on October 19. Pray for us that we shall be good stewards for the Master in that needy field. Romans 15:30.

With a prayer for the blessings of Christ Jesus upon you, we are

Sincerely yours,

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carlisle, Jr.

The above has reference to a gift of more than \$100 to these missionary friends who sailed Saturday.

### FRUITS OF THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

**A Desirable Residence Built for Mission Work Is Saved for the Use of Missionaries in Manchuria.**

An epoch was reached in the history of the North Manchuria Mission this spring in that our Foreign Mission Board not only now owns a residence for its missionaries, but because full possession has now been secured, the Koon and Leonard families both having actually moved into the building. The residence was purchased with funds provided by the Woman's Missionary Union from the Christmas Offering.

For years our Mission Board has wanted to provide its own place of residence for missionaries in this large, growing city, but could not do so for lack of funds. A well-built residence with half-basement was constructed some ten years ago by the Methodist Episcopal Mission, South, for two families doing work among the Russian people of Harbin. But the Mission had to discontinue its work in Manchuria when the depression came.

The property was rented out until last year, when it was offered for sale. It was built for the Lord's work, but was about to be sold to a tobacco company. News that funds from the Christmas Offering were available reached us just in time for purchase of the residence, and at the price offered by the tobacco people. The Methodist Mission's representative in the Far East was pleased that the compound could continue in mission hands and be used for the glory of our Lord.

This is a valuable piece of property and has already increased in value. It consists of two apartments suitable for two families. The half-basement rooms can be used for Bible classes, and to meet other needs. It was built unusually well, with thick walls, which mean much in this

cold climate, and strong, deep foundations, constructed with a view to the adding of another story. It is our hope that in another year or two this extra story can be added, thus providing additional room for the accommodation of Miss Stewart and any other missionaries who may be sent for this large field.

Southern Baptists have a fine piece of property in this well-built, well-appointed double residence, located here in the heart of the residential part of Harbin. They and we are indebted to our Southern Baptist Women and others for making possible its purchase for many years of use in God's service. We missionaries are truly grateful to God and His servants. Never before have we had a guest room here, but now there is one connected with each of the two apartments, we can say: "Come, dear friends, and visit us!" And so we say to each of you.

Charles A. Leonard, Sr.

Harbin, Manchuria.

—BR—

Dear Friend:

By now I suspect you've checked through your last year's wardrobe, figured on what you can salvage from the left-overs, and have definitely decided that there are certain garments that just simply won't do any more. Maybe they won't do for town, school, business, or church, but they would be most acceptable to people who need them for covering from the cold rather than for appearances.

A recent letter from Brother Pryor, our Home Missionary to the Navajo Indians reminds us that winter is approaching on that cold plateau desert, and that thousands of poverty-stricken Indians will be in dire need of clothing, food and medical supplies this winter.

Since you have been interested before I'm sure you will want to know his plans and needs. I'll quote from his letter:

"We are now planning for our Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas tree here at our home for our Navajo people. It would do your heart good to compare the attendance today with our first Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas program for them five years ago. The attendance has more than trebled, their Christian attitude has marvelously changed toward the occasions, and dozens have found Christ who otherwise would have never heard. Believing it was only a scheme to take advantage of them in some way, at first very few attended these services. Now they are inquiring months in advance when the next 'chenologo'-dinner will be. Also they are asking when the 'Great Spirit'-Christ is going to have another birthday. Another encouraging thing has taken place in the last few years through our visitation on the reservation and these special occasions. At first the children would run and hide when they saw us coming and the adults would not talk to us as we endeavored to tell them about the loving Christ. Now the children run to meet us as far as they can see us and the majority of the adults realize we are their best earthly friends and will cooperate with us in every way possible.

"Experience has taught us that through these special occasions we have an opportunity to reach many with the gospel that otherwise would be impossible. The many agents of the devil poison their minds against the Christian missionaries and often tell them that this food will gradually kill them if they eat it. They come through curiosity and because they are hungry. They hear the Gospel, enjoy the food, experience a Christian atmosphere and are convinced that there is something to the 'Jesus Way.' Certainly many

do not accept the first time, even as others do not, but the seed is sown and later through personal contact in the hogan many are converted. But we have had conversions each year at both the Thanksgiving and Christmas services.

"Naturally there is going to be quite a bit of expense attached to services of this nature and each occasion will be a success or failure in comparison with the cooperation we receive from His friends. It is humanly impossible for us to finance either occasion from our limited salary. Neither service will be elaborate but we will expect from 250 to 350 at each service and all must receive something or they will go away disappointed and heartbroken. The Thanksgiving Dinner will likely consist of beans, beef stew, bread, coffee and some kind of cookie. This will be the only time during the year when many will get enough to eat and likely many will hear the gospel for the first time. At Christmas, in addition to our regular religious service, we plan a tree for them when all children below the age of 12 will receive a toy of some nature and all in attendance will get some fruit. Our greatest need is the prayers of His friends that God's will may be done through us and many lost Navajos won to a saving knowledge of Christ, the Christians strengthened and Christ glorified.

"As in the past, many will be in need of clothing and medical attention. By this time the winter weather will be rapidly approaching and the majority will be suffering from the cold wind. The day following each of these occasions we plan to go out on the reservation to minister to those who were sick or otherwise afflicted and unable to attend."

I'm sure you will give Brother Pryor's message as wide publicity as possible so that all who can may share in having some part in this worthy work. Especially do I hope there will be plenty of clothing for children. What a pity that here in our own Southland little children freeze and starve to death each winter! Address all packages to:

Rev. Roger Pryor  
Baptist Indian Mission  
Farmington, New Mexico

Sincerely,

Thelma Brown, Nashville, Tenn.

P.S. If you already have made other plans for these two special dates, a box at any other time between now and next Spring would be equally appreciated. There is a daily demand for urgent help. I know, for I've been there and seen the utterly tragic condition of these people.

—BR—

The Hernando Church which celebrates its Centennial next Sunday (Oct. 27) has kept a remarkably good record through the years. Fortunately people live a long time up there. Bro. Hugh Foster has been Sunday school superintendent for 45 years.

The editor sends heartiest congratulations to the Baptists of Hernando on their centennial celebration. It so happens that our first recollections are connected with this community. His father taught here in the male academy and was pastor of the church at the time. One remarkable thing is that there have been only three church buildings in the hundred years, and one of these is the new church house. They evidently built well. Two of the former pastors, W. E. Lee and his brother J. W. Lee take part in the service Sunday. Probably also Dr. W. C. Boone of Jackson, Tenn. Of course the present pastor W. C. Whitten presides. Dr. C. W. Emerson also has part on the program. We hope to have next week pictures of the present pastor and the present church building.



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### A DEBT THAT CAN NEVER BE PAID

A. D. Muse, Evangelist  
2160 Nelson, Memphis, Tenn.

When we were in college, when we  
got to where we could not make it  
any farther, Evangelist, T. T. Mar-  
tin would send us for a meeting  
somewhere, thus, he helped us  
through college. One remarkable  
thing was, which was a characteris-  
tic of his, he always gave us the  
better meeting and he took the les-  
ser one under such circumstances.

He introduced us to the Pacific  
coast, where we spent seven months  
without a break—in California, Ne-  
vada, Oregon and Washington.

He introduced us to the State of  
Kentucky, where we have held 22  
campaigns.

He introduced us to the State of  
Florida, where three years ago, we  
stayed six months without a break.

We did not always share Brother  
Martin's views, not by any means.  
We have argued with him until three  
o'clock in the morning more times  
than we have fingers and toes. But  
T. T. Martin loved me next to his  
own son. And I loved him hardly  
second to my father.

We have never disowned his  
friendship for us, nor our associa-  
tion with him through the years.  
Would as quickly disown our father.  
I thank God too, that we were with  
him in the Baptist Hospital in his  
last sickness!

I thank God, that again and again  
he asked that we be the one to  
preach his funeral.

I thank God that he left the manu-  
script of his life's story, "View-  
ing Life's Sunset from the top of  
Pike's Peak," the finishing up, pre-  
paring for the publishers, and the  
direction of the publication of it in  
our hands.

He left other manuscripts with  
us, which we shall prepare and pub-  
lish as fast as possible.

He left his "Chinese Gospel of  
John League," which has published  
and distributed many hundreds and  
thousands of copies of the "Gospel  
of John," and "The Conversion of  
Ruth Wyatt" in the Chinese lan-  
guage in our hands. This work we  
shall carry on for him until we  
too, go to join him in the Lord's

presence. One of our missionaries  
told us five or six years ago, "One  
of the most effective pieces of work  
being done in China today is the  
work carried on by T. T. Martin in  
furnishing free copies of the "Gos-  
pel of John" for distribution." The  
Missionary said, "The Gospel of John  
is in such simple language when  
translated into Chinese it is easier  
for the Chinese to understand."

We are not trying to carry on the  
work of Brother Martin. No man  
can. We are not trying to be T. T.  
Martin. No man can. We do not,  
and never have "preached his ser-  
mons." Brother Martin had his mes-  
sage and his method. Brother Martin  
was a genius apart!

We have our own message from  
the Lord.

We have our own emphases and  
accents of the message of the Lord.

We have our own message to  
render to the Lord.

We have our own style and man-  
nerism. We were not cut by Brother  
Martin's pattern or made in his  
mold.

Brother Martin did more to settle  
our views on the things that count  
than any man that ever touched  
our lives.

Whatever we know of the definite  
clearness of the Gospel, T. T. Martin  
is responsible for it. For that we  
thank God and him. He knew how to  
preach the Plan of Salvation as no  
man who ever lived in the South  
or of any man we have ever read  
after anywhere else. We would covet  
one trait of his,—his matchless, mir-  
aculous but imitable power of il-  
lustration; we would covet another  
of his powers,—his phenomenal pow-  
er of endurance; and we would covet  
one other of his powers,—his most  
logical presentation of clinching  
scripture texts, but these traits be-  
long to his particular genius and no  
other man can possess them as he.  
And to imitate them is ridiculous.

His judgement may often have  
been questioned, but his passion of  
souls and loyalty to the truth as he  
saw it, and his sincerity of heart  
in his attack against error and sin,  
no one has questioned!

T. T. Martin cannot be imitated  
and he can never be duplicated. He  
was God's gift to Baptist's with a  
particular emphasis needed at that  
time. God will never give his like  
again. I would well as expect God  
to give another Spurgeon, Broadus,  
Carroll or Gambrell as to expect  
him to give another T. T. Martin.  
They were each a genius in his field.  
Geniuses are never repeated or re-  
placed. They are special gifts to  
special fields at special times for  
special purposes.

The face, the figures, and the  
form and the force of T. T. Martin  
will never die in our minds or weak-  
en in our ministry, but ours is our  
own ministry committed of the Lord,  
anointed by him, blessed and enrich-  
ed by him and not the ministry of  
another adopted by us.

The evangelist is the gift of the  
Lord to the churches. The Evangelist  
will be until the Lord returns. The  
office and the message remain. The  
methods and the emphases change.  
If our own heart knows anything it  
is the call "to do the work of an  
Evangelist."

The method and approach to Ev-

angelism have completely changed  
since the high days of the good old  
"Blue Mountain Evangelist," found-  
ed led and directed for years by  
Brother Martin. That method of  
approach will never be again. The  
thing that has retarded Evangelism  
is that we have been slow to dis-  
cover the new approach in this  
great transition period, but there are  
certain fundamental principles that  
are essential to Evangelistic work  
that are as eternal and unchanging  
as the message of the Evangelist.  
Put all we know today of the essen-  
tials of Evangelism, we learned from  
T. T. Martin. We owe him a debt  
that we can never, never pay. We  
shall seek to imitate him at one  
point,—faithfulness!

We truly wish that we could just  
be ever as faithful as he was!

R. L. CARLISLE, JR.

WHEREAS, Rev. R. L. Carlisle,  
Jr. has served us as pastor for three  
years, and

WHEREAS, his spirit-filled  
preaching has given us a greater  
conception of God, and

WHEREAS, his life among us has  
been that of a consecrated Christ-  
ian; a living epistle for Jesus Christ,  
and

WHEREAS, his interest in each  
phase of Christian work has been  
an inspiration and encouragement  
to all the leaders and officers in  
the church, and

WHEREAS, he has led many to  
a knowledge of Christ as their Savi-  
our, and

WHEREAS, we rejoice in the fact  
that the Lord has called him to  
greater service as missionary to  
Uruguay.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, who  
compose the membership of the  
Spring Hill Church, do hereby pro-  
claim our love and esteem for Bro.  
Carlisle and our gratitude for the  
blessings that have come from his  
labor among us.

In testimony whereof, one copy  
of this resolution is to be given to  
Bro. Carlisle as a permanent record  
of our love for him, one copy to be  
sent to the Baptist Record, and one  
copy to be placed in the minutes of  
the Church.

Done at Spring Hill Church this  
the sixth day of October, 1940.

### NEW CHURCH

The organization of the Groveton  
Baptist Church took place in the  
Branch Consolidated School Sunday  
P. M., October 20, 1940. The at-  
tending ministers were Rev. A. L.  
Mills, Rev. H. D. Jordan of Morton,  
Dr. A. B. Wood, Forest, Dr. A. A.  
Kitchings of Clinton, Dr. H. L. Redd  
of Morton, Dr. Lipsey, Moderator  
presided. The following churches  
were represented: Morton, Forest,  
Leesburg, Branch and Bethlehem.  
A. L. Mills gave reason why he be-  
lieved there should be a Baptist  
church organized in the community.  
Dr. A. A. Kitchings also gave rea-  
sons for the organization of the  
church. The business of the church  
calling a pastor was taken up and  
Rev. A. L. Mills was called as pas-  
tor.

Miss Hilda Bates was elected as  
church clerk, Mr. Henry Kersh as  
church treasurer. A mission offering

of \$10.17 was taken. After the  
reading of the church covenant and  
Articles of Faith, Rev. H. D. Jordan  
brought a message on the work of  
the church of Christ which He has  
purchased with his own blood. The  
church requests the prayers of all  
Christian people for this work that  
God has called them to do.

Submitted by Hilda Bates,  
Church Clerk.

### ELLISVILLE W. M. U. OBSERVE STEWARDSHIP NIGHT

The Young People's Auxiliaries  
of the Ellisville W. M. U. presented  
a splendid program on the theme:  
"Missions wait on Stewardship and  
Stewardship waits on you." on Sun-  
day night, October 13 at the regular  
worship hour. The following pro-  
gram was well rendered:

Hymn: "Trust, Try and Prove  
Me." Congregation.

Prayer: Pastor, W. E. Greene.

Devotional: "Tithes and Love  
Offerings"—Jean Byrd, President  
of Ann Hasseltine Y. W. A.

"Ask Me Another About Tithing"  
—Junior G. A. & R. A. Led by Elton  
Thomas.

An Acrostic "Tithe"—Sunbeams.

"Giving The Glorious Tenth"—  
Jimmy Todd, President Gartenhaus  
Y. W. A.

Song: "O Stewards Be"—Both Y.  
W. A.'s.

Song: "Pay The Tithe"—Inter-  
mediate R. A. and G. A.

Playlet: "When The Owner  
Cometh."

Characters:

Mr. Cooper, C. W. Lord, Brother-  
hood Member; Mrs. Cooper, Mrs.  
S. M. Thomas, Stewardship Chair-  
man; Edwin Cooper, Jr., R. A. Son,  
Fred Todd; Katherine Cooper, G. A.  
Daughter; Marjorie Cranford, Car-  
oline Cooper, Y. W. A. Daughter;  
Edna Earl Todd, Billy Cooper, Sun-  
beam Son; William Earl Greene,  
Farmer Barnsdale, E. W. Young,  
Brotherhood member.

Solo: "Take My Life"—Billy Hil-  
bun, Choir Director.

(During this solo a dedication of  
lives to God's Service).

Closing Prayer—J. M. Powell,  
President Brotherhood.

Ushers—B. S. U. Members:

Shelton Thomas, Grayden Beard,  
David Hill, Cleston Lee Armstrong.

Mrs. Jeff Walters,  
Young People's Director  
of W. M. U.

Two boys were quarreling. One  
said, "Anyway, you're a heathen.  
You've never been baptized."

"Yah!" shouted the other, "that's  
all you know about it. I can show  
you the marks on my arm now!"

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## Sunday School Lesson

By L. Bracey Campbell

Lesson for October 27

### CHRISTIAN MOTIVES FOR ABSTINENCE

Bible Texts: Luke 1:13-16; 2:40-44; 6:21, 25, 43-45.

Introduction. For many years the International Sunday School Lesson Committee has designated certain Sundays as International Temperance Sundays. For this year, the scriptures have been selected under the general theme, "A Principle of Temperate Living. The topic for this, the last temperance lesson of the current year, is "Christian Motives for Abstinence". In its meaning, the word "abstinence" goes beyond the meaning of the word "temperance", though I think that, for the average person, the only course of conduct which will result in temperance is the course of total abstinence.

By a careful reading of the Bible texts for the lesson, the topic will be seen to emerge in each of them. John the Baptist was pledged to a life of total abstinence from alcoholic drink that he might be utterly himself, so that the Spirit of the Living God might find in him in agent keenly alive to the importance of his work and perfectly responsive to the directions of the Spirit. The boyhood of Jesus must have been one of total abstinence, and His manhood as well in order that He might be the perfectly sane and temperate savior of all those who suffer and are emptied. All the teachings and the living, and in the end, the dying of our Savior illustrated the worth of the life of total abstinence. When He suffered for us on Calvary, there came one sent by some Jerusalem women of kindly heart, and offered Him a drink of a preparation which contained drugs the action of which deadened pain. But our Lord refused this drink, refused a "dope" to deaden the pain of the anguish He endured for men.

I. Abstinence Prescribed For The Unborn John. Luke 1:15.

In his passage God is by His holy angel foretelling the birth of one to whom his Lord is afterwards to testify as being as great a man as was ever of woman born. This great man was to be reared after a set of directions given by the Lord, and among those directions was this, "He . . . shall drink neither wine nor strong drink". Of course this is a prophecy, but is also a direction to John's father.

This direction to John's father is at the same time a declaration as to what God thinks of strong drink. When He would breed a man for the greatest work for Him that any prophet had ever done, He gave this direction to the father of the wonderful prophet to be, "He . . . shall drink neither wine nor strong drink". God gave that direction once, and I am positively certain that He would give the same in the case of any unborn baby whose father under God should want that baby to

grown into a shining witness for God.

I wish I could know that not one of the thousands who read this sentence would ever take another drink. But I can hear some man or woman say, "Many a man and woman drinks habitually with no harm", and you mean no "perceptible" harm, and that is true. But many another can not drink without drinking to excess, and many another can not drink without becoming a sot, a vagabond, or a criminal. There are these three classes of drinkers, and no one who reads these words will know to which class he or she belongs until long after he or she has taken the next drink. Let no one tell you that any man of real strength can control his appetite. Alexander the Great died a victim of strong drink, and you should be wary of joining battle with the conqueror of the conqueror of the world. You will doubtless hear it said that strong drink lends brightness to the intellect and courage to the heart; but no really sensible man or brave man needs to carry his brains in a bottle or buy his courage by the jug, and, so far as have ever read, have ever learned of tale or history, there is no case of a fool's having found wisdom at the bottom of whiskey bottle or of a sober coward's becoming a drunken hero. I give you my candid opinion that there is nothing in this world a good man ought to do that he can not do better without strong drink than he can with it.

II. Abstinence Practiced In The Breeding of Jesus. Luke 2:40.

"The child grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him". This verse describes the development of Jesus in body and soul during infancy and childhood. "The child grew", that is, in body. "And waxed strong in spirit". According to very fine critical authority, this may read, "And becoming strong, being filled with wisdom", the latter phrase implying a finished and permanent result. He became strong mentally and spiritually, and showed such a degree of wisdom in each period of age as rendered it complete and gave to it the lustre of perfection. Now He showed the perfection of childhood, as afterward He did of youth and manhood. We have here the human development of Jesus in all His powers. He was completely a child, completely a youth, completely a man, and thus hallowed all the stages of human development, but nothing incongruous ever appeared in Him. Had he acted or spoken as a man while He was yet a child, He would not have been the perfect one.

Now, the claim that He practiced total abstinence grows out of an inference, but the inference is a very natural one. If you want to believe that He practiced temperance instead of total abstinence, you are at liberty to do so, but grant me the privilege of believing what I please. Of course some one may say that Jesus showed Himself always the self-controlled, or the God-controlled One, and that He must have met the temptation to over-indulgence or He could not have been the master of that temptation, that is, that He must have gone a few steps on the road to the devil in order to demonstrate

His ability to turn about and go to the Lord. That looks to me like an adaptation of that old devil-inspired claim that "Every boy must sow his wild coats". Personally, I do not believe Jesus sowed any, and I do believe that His youth at no time was bent toward that which led to sin.

III. Jesus Our Example In Temptation. Luke 4:4.

His firm position was, "No compromise with evil". That is the principle which steadied Him in all the forty days of temptation.

This principle applied to the matter of alcoholic liquors would result in every case of solicitation to indulge in strong drink, in the same reaction to the solicitation.

When you study the three-fold temptation to which the devil subjected Him, you find in them all temptations to which men are subjected anywhere. And His answer to each of them was an emphatic, "No!" Look not upon the wine when it sparkles, look not upon it when it is red an attractive, and when solicited to drink it, do not entertain the solicitation.

IV. Jesus' Prescription For The Good Life. Luke 6:21, 25, 43-45.

Or is it not rather consolation and encouragement? The God-controlled man may get hungry in consequence of his yielding to that control: all right, he will be satisfied after a while. God will see to that. The man who refuses to touch that which defiles may be hungry for a while, but he who refuses to stultify himself will be rewarded by God with the reward which is much better than anything the world has to give.

"Woe unto you that are full! For ye shall hunger!" If this means full of that which is forbidden to the child of God, and that is, of course, what it does mean, then it is easy to see how it shall surely follow that such men as fill themselves with violence or with that which induces violence, will later hunger for the good and shall not obtain it.

Last three verses of the lesson text sets forth results. When you pluck good fruit from a tree, you know the tree is good. When you drink good water from a spring, you know the spring is good. When good works distinguish the life of a man, you may know that he is good.

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### Branch Baptists Elect Sunday School Officers

The local Baptist Church entered another year of work Sunday, October 5 with the following Officers and Teachers: Superintendent, R. L. Smith; Assistant Superintendent, Tom Kyzar; General Secretary, Nola Webb; Adult Teacher, Mrs. Jodie Coward; Assistant Teacher, Jodie Coward; Intermediate Teacher, Mrs. Berry Measels; Assistant Teachers, Mrs. Kate Peagler; Junior Teacher, Mrs. Oliver Smith; Assistant Teacher, Mrs. Tate Peagler; Primary Teacher, Mrs. Howard Peagler; Assistant Teacher, Mrs. R. L. Smith.

—BR—

Teacher: "If your mother is shopping and finds she has left her purse at home she may ask the clerk to send the parcel C.O.D. what do these initials mean?"

Bright Boy: "Call on daddy!"

### BRUCE

Rev. L. F. Haire who was recently called to full time work of the church here moved his esteemed family last week and preached his first Sermon to day time theme, CONSECRATION using the Miracles of JESUS as the Basic Principles. There were 192 in Sunday school and the House was well filled for the preaching. Brother Haire will take the religious census next week and the Church expects to institute the budget system and co-operate with regular state denominational program. There were 10 additions to the Church and every one seemed happy and that it was good to be in church. Brother Haire was reared in this county and is held in high esteem for his manner of life and purpose of faith. And has a great work here to do and the prayers of God's people are coveted.

W. M. Shelton.

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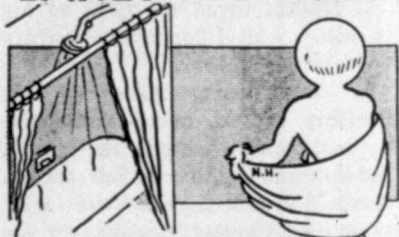
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### Only 6 Left

At the end of June all associations in the state had reported Sunday school study course awards except 19. During July and August 11 of those 19 sent in reports. During October to date—the 14—2 others have sent reports. This leaves only 6 not yet reporting. These 6 are: DeSoto, Grenada, Kemper, Monroe, Montgomery, Tate.

We have already had definite word from some of these 6 that they have made plans for a study course and will soon send in their reports.

We have never had every association in the state reporting Sunday school study course awards in any one year. Let's make 1940 the year to go 100% in this matter. We are so near; let's go on now to complete it.

### Pine Grove

Pine Grove church in Pearl River County has sent in the application for the Standard award for 1940. This is not the first time for them, and they see that it helps to keep Standard.

Congratulations to Superintendent Hall, Pastor Perego, and the officers and teachers on this fine work.

### October 27

And do not forget that State Mission Day in the Sunday schools is Sunday, October 27. Program materials, offering envelopes, etc., have gone to all schools in the state.

Plan for a great day, a great program, a great offering in the interest of mission work in our own state on October 27.

### Young People's Day

Sunday, November 10, is set apart this year as Forward Young People's Day in the Sunday schools.

The Department at Nashville has prepared a very fine program for that day, and copies of it may be secured on request from either the state or the Nashville office. Our young people need all the help we can give them in these perilous days that are upon us.

### Intermediate Notes

Have you seen the attractive current number of The Intermediate Counselor? If you are a parent or a teacher of an Intermediate boy, you will thoroughly enjoy the article, "Problems My Boys Have Faced in Their Early Teens and How I Helped Solve Them," by Edna Ewing Kelley.

There were 9940 copies of The Intermediate Counselor ordered during the last quarter. Our goal is: "The Intermediate Counselor in the hands of every Intermediate Sunday school worker." It can be attained.

### They Want More

In reporting a recent Sunday school training course, Dr. T. W. Young, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Corinth, says: "We are

starting now to renew the old diplomas and all the new ones we can. Our class was so enthusiastic that they voted to go right on. We are, therefore, beginning another class in "Outlines of Bible History."

That is the way to really make things count in a training program for our Sunday school people.

### SOUTHERN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN

On August 29, the annual meeting was held at Ridgecrest. Among items of interest these stand out.

The charter of the Society, issued by the State of Kentucky, was presented, with the list of one hundred and one names of charter members.

Recognition was given to the services of Reverend John Leland the centenary of whose death is being marked by exercises in Cheshire, Mass., and in Orange, Va. A message was sent to Cheshire where a memorial was being dedicated with exercises including parts by the governors of Massachusetts and Connecticut. Action was taken to have the Society represented at special exercises to be held at Orange, Virginia, in 1941. It was in Virginia that Leland did his great work toward procuring recognition of religious freedom in the fundamental documents of the United States.

It was announced that in principle agreement has been entered into for joint membership in State Societies and the Southern Society. The Executive Committee was authorized to make detailed agreements with any state body.

A gavel was presented and accepted with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Louie Latimer Owens. It was made from wood from one of the pews of the First Baptist Church building in Greenville, S. C., in which the original Southern Seminary faculty and students worshiped. The president reported a number of other gifts of materials and memorials of Baptist history during the year; but he stated that only a small beginning has been made. These materials are desired from all who can send them.

Officers were re-elected. Dr. Leo T. Crisman was elected custodian to succeed Dr. Thomas A. Johnson, deceased; and the secretary was instructed to send to Dr. Johnson's family a message of appreciation of his fine services and sympathy in their loss. At request of Dr. J. T. Watts, Dr. J. F. Fraser was elected vice-president for Maryland instead of Dr. Watts.

The next annual meeting will be held in Birmingham in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention in May, 1941.

### TIDINGS FROM THE MOUNTAIN

The month of September was a great month in the service of our Lord for Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church. One person was received by letter on the first Sunday, thirteen were received by letter on the second Sunday, seventy-five were received by letter and one was received for baptism on the third Sunday, one was received for baptism at the prayer meeting service of the third week, and two were baptized on the fourth Sunday and five

were received by letter. The total additions for the month being 96. All of us are thanking God for His blessings on His work here.

Our church engaged in a brief Loyalty Campaign beginning on the twenty-fifth of August and ending on the eleventh of September. Both of the preaching services on each of the three Sundays and the prayer meeting service each Wednesday night were included in the campaign. The attendance at all of the services was greatly increased and the spirit of worship and cooperation was exceedingly satisfactory.

On the second Sunday morning in September, our church licensed Winston Crawley to preach the Gospel. Winston is an outstanding young Christian leader, the son of Mrs. Sadie Tiller Crawley who was formerly connected with Blue Mountain College but is now connected with Baylor University. He is a graduate of Baylor University, is at present working on an M.A. degree at Vanderbilt University, and plans to pursue his training later at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This brings to three the ones who have been licensed or ordained by this church within the past few years.

Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church plans to engage in her annual meeting from the twentieth through the twenty-fifth of October. We earnestly request all who read these lines to join us in fervent prayer for a real revival. It is to be our delightful privilege to have Dr. Edward A. McDowell, a member of the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, to do the preaching and to have Rev. Gayle Holcomb, assistant pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee, to lead the singing.

J. S. Riser, Jr.

### AT CHURCH FIRST TIME IN 15 YEARS

Thousands of broken lives pass before us. They are discouraged, despondent, with their hearts aching for love and sympathy. Anything can happen; murder, theft, and suicide. Some way many of these find their way to the Baptist Mission, where they hear joyful songs, where love is manifested, and above all, where Christ is preached. Many respond to Christ in salvation.

The other evening a well dressed man remained for the after service.

He told us that he had not been to church for nearly fifteen years. His wife was taken and he said that no loving God could have taken her. Fighting against God, he stayed away from church services.

"I heard the songs that she loved and was constrained to come in. Thank God I did. I now see how wrong I was." For several nights he came to the services while staying in the Jung Hotel. This is another example of our service. The next man may be your loved one.

The work is made possible by your prayers and your designated gifts.

Clovis A. Brantley, Supt.  
Baptist Rescue Mission  
740 Esplanade Ave, N. O., La.

### BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY IN LOUISVILLE

Dr. J. N. McMillin, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Louisville, announces an Intermediate Sunday school rally to be held in his church, November 17, at 2:30 p. m. This will include boys and girls and Sunday school workers from Attala, Choctaw, Kemper, Leake, Lowndes, Montgomery, Neshoba, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Winston, and surrounding counties. A practical program featuring a radio interview, and an address by a returned missionary will be presented. All interested are cordially invited.

Fred: "Would you accept a pet money?"

Catherine: "Oh, I'll have to ask father, this is so sudden."

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# The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear Children:

Very soon it will be Hallowe'en and probably you will want to have a party. If you do, you will certainly wish every boy and girl to have the best time he ever had in celebration of this strange, wierd night when witches and spooks and hobgoblins roam about and frighten people out of their wits. That's why we are having a few suggestions this week that may be of help to you or to your mother or aunty or whoever is giving the party for you.

A letter from the Girl's Auxiliary at Crystal Springs tells us what this busy little bunch is doing. We doubly appreciate this message since letters are scarce. I hope there will be more from you next week. And please don't forget the orphanage and our B. B. I. scholarship. They are looking to us.

With love,

Mrs. Frances Steele.

## Bible Study

Caleb—"A Man of Courage"—Joshua 14:6-15.

"Be Strong and Of A Good Courage"—Johna 1:6a.

After the children of Israel had crossed the Jordan River and had begun to conquer the land of Canaan, it became necessary to make some division of the country among the tribes, so that each tribe might know which part to claim and where to settle. This distribution of the land among the tribes was made, but much of it was yet unconquered.

Caleb, with some other members of the tribe of Judah, came to Joshua, who was the leader of the children of Israel, with a request, saying, "You remember what God told Moses about you and me more than forty years ago there in the wilderness. I was forty years old when Moses sent us to spy out the country and I reported to him what I found." (You remember how Joshua and Caleb had returned from searching out the land of Canaan bringing the report that it was a rich, fertile country, and though the cities were strong and fortified and the men were great in size, that they, God's people, were will able to take it, for God had promised it to them). "But," said Caleb, "the companions who went with me brought back a report that made the people fear and tremble. Nevertheless, I followed the Lord, and Moses promised me that day that the land on which I had walked should belong to me and my children after me because I followed the Lord my God. Now, the Lord has kept me alive these forty-five years as He promised, through all these years that Israel has wandered in the wilderness and today I am eighty-five years old. I am as strong today as I was when Moses sent me on that mission. My strength is as great today as it was then for war or for any other undertaking. Now, I beg you, give me Hebron, that hill country of which the Lord spoke that day. You have heard how the giants are there in great fortified cities, but it may be that the Lord will be with me and will drive them out."

So Joshua blessed Caleb and gave him Hebron for which he asked. Caleb conquered it and the land became his and his children's after him.

Crystal Springs, Miss.  
October 16, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Most of our Junior G. A. members in our church take the "Baptist Record", so we decided to write as a whole.

We are small but we love to meet. We have adopted a baby. The

family is poor and we send it things all along. It's a little girl named Patsy Ruth, four months old. One of our members, Natilie Pierce, went to the Junior G. A. Camp this last summer. We would like to have other G. A.'s to write to us and we will answer in return.

We are sending \$1.00 for the orphan's home. It isn't much, but just a token of our love.

Yours truly,

Natilie Pierce, President  
Mary Ann Mitchell, Vice Pres.  
Billie Jane Mitchell, Sec.  
Norma Adams, Treasurer.  
Claudia McLemore, Chorister.  
Bobbee Ree Burt, Room Com.

Girls, you have certainly undertaken a beautiful charity. I know it is a joy to you to provide for this baby girl. We thank you, too, for this generous gift of love for the orphanage. We also appreciate this interesting letter from you and hope to hear more.

F. L. S.

## FOR THE HALLOWE'EN PARTY

### Invitations

Use butcher or coarse brown wrapping paper. Cut in pieces about twice the size of regular note paper and with your own hands, write the name of the desired guest at the top of each sheet and under it either of the following verses:

"Witches and goblins and fairies bright  
Dance gaily together on Hallowe'en night;  
So don your old clothes and join in the fun;  
To my Hallowe'en party, please hop, skip, or run."

or

"Please come in your rags or come in your tags  
But not in your velvet gown.  
Bring a sheet and a case, your form to grace,  
And a little white mask to hide your face."

Then at the bottom of the paper, in the left hand corner, write the words, "Hallowe'en party, October thirty-first, from seven to nine", and in the right hand corner sign your name. If you are very energetic you might decorate each invitation with painted pumpkins, a witch's cap or a black cat.

### GAMES

#### Dumb Cake

Choose about six of your little girl guests and let them mix a stiff dough of flour and water and place in a large baking pan. During the mixing and baking not a single word or sound must be uttered by any of the little cooks. If any girl forgets herself and so much as giggles she must step aside and let another take her place. Now you know why the mixture is called "dumb cake". After the dough has been worked up and placed in the pan, each girl takes a pin and pricks her initials on the surface of the dough. The cake is then put in the oven and allowed to bake exactly ten minutes—during all of which time the rule of silence still holds. When the baking is done and the pan removed from the oven, some of the initials will have disappeared, others will still be plain. The Hallowe'en superstition is that the owners of the initials that remain will marry, and the others will be old maids.

### Stabbing the Pumpkin

Take a big pumpkin and get Papa to burn on its surface with a hot poker all the letters of the alphabet, mixing them around in any fashion. Suspend it in a doorway by a string

and then start it revolving. Each guest in turn takes an ice pick and tries to stab the twirling pumpkin. As soon as the ice pick sticks fast, stop the pumpkin and see what letter has been stuck. That letter is the initial of the last name of the person whom the "stabber" will marry when he grows up.

### The Three Bowls of Fate

Take three small bowls and fill one of them with clear, pure water; another with soapy water; and leave the third empty. Blindfold guests, one by one, lead them to the bowls and tell them to reach out and touch one of them. If the boy dips his hand into the pure water, it means he will marry a young girl. If a girl is trying it, she will marry a young man. If the boy dips into the bowl of soapy water, it means he will marry a widow; and if a girl, then she will marry a widower. If any guest dips into the empty bowl, it means that he or she will never marry.

Instead of bobbing for apples in a tub of water, try tying a strong piece of twine to the stem of each apple and suspend from a rod to about shoulder height. Fold your arms behind you and try to catch and hold an apple in your teeth. It isn't easy because the apples swing and bob around at the ends of their strings.

### Refreshments

Witch's brew—(hot chocolate)  
Spook sandwiches—(olive sandwiches)  
Spectre salad—(Place half of canned peach, round side up on lettuce leaf. Use two pieces of all spice for eyes, a piece of clove with large end down for nose and tiny piece of cherry or raisin for mouth).

### What Our Children Are Taught

I was looking over a science book written by Harry Carpenter, Rochester, N. Y. and George Wood, N. Y. which is being used in the seventh grade of the Grammar schools of our state.

I noticed this paragraph under the topic, "How Do Scientists Explain the Beginnings of our Earth?"

"It is thought that the great, highly heated body we call our sun once had tides, not water tides, but tide like movements of its own boiling—hot material caused by the force of attraction of some other great heavenly bodies." . . .

During one of these movements some of the material spattered off the sun and scientists think another great sun or star chanced to pass by and was joined to it and that was the beginning of our Earth.

I am wondering if the committee who selects the text books to be studied by our children ever read them thru before they adopt them. Or whether they care that our children are taught theories contrary to the Bible. Surely it is very important what they learn in their impressionable years.

I believe that William Jennings Bryon gave his life to keep Atheism from being taught in the schools of the U. S. for he was too ill to debate the question which he did so wonderfully but he died soon afterward.

I am but a weak citizen of the state, without influence, but I thought if some publicity could be used it would help to right this wrong.

Mrs. E. S. Arnold, Tylertown.

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### B. M. HOMECOMING

Senator Pat Harrison's address at the Blue Mountain College Homecoming, November 16, the occasion of "Mother" Berry's 90th birthday anniversary, will be broadcast from the college auditorium over W. M. C. Broadcasting Station, Memphis, Tenn., at 11:15 a. m., central standard time. "Mother" Berry's voice will greet her "girls" in all parts of the world who are tuned in at that hour. Brief remarks will be heard also during the broadcast from Mrs. D. C. Simmons, National Alumnae President, Mrs. Tom Hederman, Jackson, who will present "Mother" Berry, and President Lawrence T. Lowrey who will introduce Senator Harrison. Mrs. O. B. Taylor, Jackson, will preside.

In the afternoon at 4:15 over the same station numbers will be broadcast by the college's department of speech arts and by the choral club.

Prior to the broadcasts Mrs. Lawrence T. Lowrey will make the address of welcome after the invocation by Dr. W. C. Tyler. Mrs. John W. McCall of Memphis will present the plaque made from the heart of the lightning-killed pine tree planted by Mrs. Berry's father 66 years ago.

The portrait of General M. P. Lowrey will be presented to the college as part of the pageant which begins at 2:00 p. m.

### BAPTIST HOSPITAL, N. O.

Several weeks ago a request was made by the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans for tray covers. Our friends responded generously and many packages have been received. In some instances, however, the return address or card of the sender was missing, and we wish to take this opportunity to thank all who had part in sending these gifts.

Should other friends wish to help, we would appreciate contributions of wash cloths. These should be sent to the Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, and the name and address of sender should be enclosed in the package.

Juanita Creech, Secretary

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## November 21st Seems To Be The Day

It seems to be generally thought that November 21st will be the legal holiday for Thanksgiving. We have gotten in touch with a number of schools and all except a very few say they plan to observe the 21st, SO it looks like that will be the date of our State Baptist Training Union Convention. The convention will meet with First Church, Laurel, and the opening session—unless a change is necessary—will be Thursday evening, November 21st. Laurel is a beautiful South Mississippi city, noted for its Baptist and Southern hospitality. You will enjoy your visit to this interesting city, and you will enjoy, and profit by your attendance upon the sessions of our convention. The convention will close Saturday noon, giving all the privilege of staying through and then reaching home before night. Only six hours—less for some drivers—from the farthest point in Mississippi. You can have turkey dinner at home and reach the convention for the opening session Thanksgiving day.

New Hope, Lauderdale Co. reports a newly organized B. A. U. with fourteen members, Mrs. J. O. Giles, president. They are working toward a fully graded Training Union in this splendid church. We hope to announce soon that they have accomplished this task.

Mrs. Alvin Reeves, Counselor of the B. Y. P. U. in Midway church, Lauderdale Co. reports progress. Their unions all hope to attain the standard soon, and the B. Y. P. U. expects to reach their standard THIS quarter. That is the way to do it—set a definite time limit and go to work on the things required in the standard.

## Hats Off To Philadelphia's A-1 Training Union

Philadelphia has achieved the almost impossible in that they have qualified as an A-1 Baptist Training Union. We say "Almost impossible"! A few churches in the entire Southern Baptist Convention claims this honor each quarter, but it is so exacting that it is quite an honor when a Training Union qualifies. Philadelphia has qualified and we extend to them hearty congratulations. Mrs. E. S. Cole in reporting, tells of a newly organized "Young Couples Union" with an average attendance of 16. Their Young People's department with Miss Auline Heitt as director is doing a splendid work. The other departments, well manned are, doing efficient work also. This church has always cooperated to the fullest in our State Training Union work. They are planning to have a bus full of enthusiastic members attend the State Convention in Laurel.

Mrs. McGowan, Director of the

Moorhead Training Union reports a good start in their fall work with the opening of school. Sunflower Jr. College, just two blocks from the church, gives them a number of young people for the B. Y. P. U. and nearly all of the town young people have been enlisted. Happy to have this note of progress. Hard work on the part of an interested leader usually gets good results.

## You Will Want To See The Young People In Action

You will want to hear the Story Hour members tell Bible stories, the Juniors in their Memory work drill, the Intermediates in their Sword Drill and the Young People in their speaking tournament. All these will be Saturday morning of the convention in Laurel.

## Bible Readers Certificate Awarded

For two years daily Bible readings record we are happy to award to Miss Ethel Barnett of the Juniper Grove Baptist Church, Pearl River Association, the Bible Readers Certificate. We congratulate Miss Barnett, and commend her practice to all other Christians. The certificate is given for two years reading and seals for additional two year readings, to members of Young People's and Adult Unions. One year readings for Juniors and Intermediates.

Brother Owen Williams, pastor of the Utica Baptist Church reports an interesting study course that he taught in the local negro church. Bro. Williams says "I think I did the best teaching I ever did". This is fine missionary work. Why not work up a course in the negro church in your community and teach it. Have the joy that comes through this way of spreading the Kingdom.

## Why Not Start A Library—Free Book Offer

The Baptist Sunday School Board, in order to make it possible for small churches, or others for that matter, to start a library are offering to make a gift of books. Here is the offer. You secure five books, submit the names of these to the Board for approval and they will add to your collection five books giving you a library of ten books. Or you secure fifteen books that will be approved by the Board and they will add ten books thus giving you a library of twenty five books. There are several other requirements such as electing a librarian. If interested write to Miss Marie Estes, 161 Eighth Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn. and she will be glad to give you full particulars. Every church can start a library on this basis.

Homes are being secured for the Training Union Convention at 50c per person per night. Special rates at the Pinehurst Hotel have been granted, \$1.00 per person night with three or more to the room, \$1.25

## MEETING IN CRYSTAL SPRINGS

Dr. C. C. Morris came to us on September 23rd. and preached twice daily through November 2nd. We are sure that the Lord sent him to us along with Mr. Fred Scholfield, of the First Baptist Church, Laurel, who led the singing. The attendance was large all the way through, and such interest was aroused in the community at large that a local Women's Club met in the afternoon and discussed the revival most all the way through their meeting.

The singing of Mr. Scholfield was the best, and the preaching of Dr. Morris was plain and forceful and used of the Holy Spirit in reaping marvellous results. There were 92 additions to the church, with 66 coming for baptism. Six have united with the church since the meeting. We thank the Lord for sending these great servants our way.

Last Sunday closed the third year of my pastorate at this church, and next Sunday we begin our fourth year together. The Lord has richly blessed us during these days. No pastor ever had a more loyal and co-operative people anywhere than these here. Ours have been happy days. There have been 415 additions to the church during the three years, and 194 of them came by baptism. Total gifts in the three years amounted to \$26,312.76, with \$5,446.16 going to mission causes. Attendance in Sunday School has reached 480, and the Training Union 252. We face the future with great hope, and will work to make this coming year the best yet. The Lord be praised for all these things.

A. B. Pierce.

## LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

There will be a county-wide school of missions for the Baptist churches of Lauderdale County in the First Baptist Church, Meridian under the auspices of the W. M. U. during the period of Monday thru Friday at 7:30 each evening, November 4-8 inclusive. The faculty will be composed of Rev. W. E. Craighead, recent missionary to Roumania who will teach "Europe and the Gospel"; Mrs. Winnie Bennett Ayers, missionary to China, who will teach "Up From Zero"; Mrs. T. J. McDowell who will teach a book on Japan to Juniors and Miss Nannie David who will teach Intermediates a book on Africa.

While this school of missions is being sponsored by the W. M. U. it is for both men and women. Men and boys will find it very interesting and are urged to attend.

The County W. M. U. has made arrangements for the school buses to bring all who want to come from each school district in the county each night so that there will be no problem or expense of transportation. It is hoped that there will be hundreds that will attend from the thirty-four Baptist Churches of Lauderdale County and Meridian.

per person per night two to the room, \$1.50 per person per night single room. All rooms with bath. Write the hotel direct if you want a reservation.

The faculty is unusually strong. Dr. Craighead and Mrs. Ayers are two of our best missionaries. Mrs. McDowell has visited many of our mission stations throughout the world. Miss Nannie David was born of missionary parents in Africa. Another special feature will be moving pictures by Mrs. Henry Broach, world traveler, who has been around the world and visited personally many of our mission fields. In addition to each of the classes there will be an inspirational assembly each night.

## S. S. AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 20

|                           |      |     |
|---------------------------|------|-----|
| Jackson, First            | 1244 | 267 |
| Jackson, Davis            | 273  | 131 |
| " " Oct. 13               | 229  | 126 |
| Jackson, Northside        | 145  | 59  |
| Jackson, Griffith         | 856  | 417 |
| Jackson, Southside        | 115  | 90  |
| Jackson, Parkway          | 462  | 231 |
| Hattiesburg, Main         | 455  | 127 |
| Union, Miss.              | 207  | 108 |
| Spring Hill, Tallahatchie | 35   | 17  |
| Florence                  | 132  | 55  |
| Saltillo                  | 73   | 35  |
| Bethlehem, Choctaw        | 26   |     |
| Heuck's Retreat           | 69   |     |
| Eden                      |      | 39  |
| Vicksburg, First          | 551  | 197 |
| Bala Chitto               | 66   |     |
| Lorman                    | 15   | 16  |
| New Zion, Copiah          | 100  | 44  |
| Pascagoula, First         | 367  | 134 |
| West Laurel               | 535  | 260 |
| Pass Christian            | 61   |     |
| Crystal Springs           | 415  | 187 |
| McComb, First             | 480  | 132 |
| Sardis, Oct. 13           | 168  | 68  |
| Sardis                    | 166  | 69  |
| Eupora                    | 136  |     |
| Heuck's Retreat, Oct. 13  | 83   |     |
| Pass Christian            | 46   |     |
| Kreole                    | 86   | 49  |
| Saltillo, Oct. 13         | 74   | 40  |
| Ramah, Oct. 13            | 93   |     |

Note: Please mail your Sunday school and B. T. U. attendance not later than Monday morning of each week. This will insure its reaching us on time. Thank you.

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# ENGLISH CHANNEL BECOMES RED SEA DR. E. D. SOLOMON IN BAPTIST WITNESS

Many people in this country and England are saying the delivery of the English army at Dunkerque was a miracle. One says, "It was like the children of Israel when God parted the Red Sea." Hitler said, "The English army must be destroyed." This army was trapped in an impossible place. There is no port in Dunkerque. The weather was blazing hot and the German fire was terrible. What happened? First, there was a thick mist that covered the English army; second, was the unusual calmness of the English Channel and third, was the remarkable springing up of the relief army. Along the coast of England in every village and hamlet every ship, boat, smack, yacht and barge raced across the thirty-mile channel to deliver their soldiers in arms. This was a volunteer service gladly, joyously and prayerfully given. They worked desperately and furiously. Many lost their lives. Writers and poets will be picturing the heroic and brave deeds of these volunteers for years to come. God helped them and they helped themselves. The old England died and a new England was born. All believers stand with bowed heads and grateful hearts, saying, "Behold what God hath wrought in the delivery of 355,000 brave soldiers." People are saying, "Send England help." God sent England a Florida storm and destroyed Hitler's chances of invading England this year. This storm started towards the Eastern Atlantic Coast and changed its course and was lost until it hit the English Channel from the north. The papers say it is estimated that between forty and sixty thousand German soldiers lost their lives and thousands of horses were drowned. The equipment which the storm failed to smash, the British Royal Air Force got. It is said that it will take a year to restore the damage which this storm did. Behold the forces of nature again delivered the British people from destruction and gave the Protestant religion another chance to serve God. This calls for a renewed consecration of all Christians.

When King Leopold of Belgium suddenly surrendered to the German army this left the British Expeditionary Force and the French army trapped. King George of England called for a day of prayer. All day Sunday the people crowded the churches and prostrated themselves in prayer and supplication for the deliverance of their soldiers. Churchill said, "Humanly speaking Britain is faced with the gravest disaster of its history." This was Sunday. Monday the evacuation began. The London Times asked the question after the completion of the evacuation, "Why was it that for three days a mist covered the English Channel which has never happened before. Why this dead calm on the channel so that more than 1,200 small craft could navigate the strait for three days? The only answer is God. It was a miracle."

King George made special request to hold daily noon day prayer meetings throughout the country. No one dreamed that this would be done

with such wholehearted enthusiasm. These prayer meetings have continued.

Again the British newspapers have asked the following question, "Why was it that the very night which was known to the British Cabinet as the time of the beginning of the invasion of England a terrific storm began to tear up the waters of the English Channel?" These papers answer the question very frankly with these words, "It was not surprising that a large number of vessels off the French and Belgium coast were either destroyed or driven hastily to shelter. This gave the British R. A. F. the time and opportunity to blast these boats. How wonderfully God has wrought in these two events."

These acknowledgements of the British press have made a deep impression on the spiritual life of the English people. Christians in this country should be impressed by these events and give themselves more diligently to repentance and prayer.

## REPORT OF EVANGELIST M. E. PERRY—YEAR 1939-1940

As the Convention year 1939-40 comes to a close I look back over it with much joy over the opportunities that have been mine, also with regret because of the number of invitations I have been unable to fill because of lack of time, and the inclement weather we had this early spring that hindered the work from a human standpoint.

It has been my privilege to deliver 374 sermons, 61 addresses and conduct 38 personal worker's meetings, holding 35 revivals and speaking three different times for pastors away from their pulpits for a service. I have put on six local budgets and three denominational budgets; obtained 10 subscriptions for the Baptist Record and distributed 2579 tracts. I held three B. T. U. clinics; three for the Sunday school and two for the W. M. U. I also organized four B. T. U.s, four Sunday schools, and one W. M. U. It was my happy privilege to successfully bring together five churches and pastors for a call; lead in two produce showers for pastors; helped ordain one man to the ministry; helped raise money to paint one church; to raise back salary for six different pastors and make payments on two church debts.

It was my further privilege to lead 772 people to put their trust in Christ; 103 came by letter; two by statement and two by restoration, making a total of 879 for the year. I feel that this number would have gone over the thousand mark had weather permitted during the early spring.

For the past several weeks I have been devoting my time and energy to our work in connection with Camp Shelby. This has been a very hard but enjoyable work and will prove extremely fruitful if continued in a larger and more comprehensive manner.

M. E. Perry, State Evangelist.

"How in the world do you make up your jokes?"

"I sit down and laugh. then think backwards."

## DESOTO B. T. U. ELECTS OFFICERS

Due to his excellent work as assistant county moderator, Harold McElroy of the Hernando B. T. U. was recently elected county moderator at a rally held at the Hernando Baptist Church. Other officers elected were: Tucker White of Horn Lake asst. moderator, and Estelle Kelly of Hernando, sec.-treas. Four Baptist churches of DeSoto County now have B. T. U. work going on within them and an effort is going to be made to establish some type of young people's organization in each Baptist church of the county.

By Tracy McCall,  
County Reporter.

## Mississippian At Southwestern

A group of Mississippi students enrolled at Southwestern Seminary met last Thursday evening and organized a Mississippi club.

The purpose of this club is to create a better spirit of fellowship among the Mississippi students and

to carry the evangelistic spirit to the entire Southland.

The officers elected were as follows:

President: Upton Reynolds, Clarksdale.

Vice-President: Paul Booth, Mt. Olive.

Secretary-Treasurer: Almeta Reeves, Summit.

Reporters: Mrs. Charles Denham, Newton; Woodrow Favre, Jackson; Ruby Oliver, Clarksdale.

A man who had run out of gas on the outskirts of a country town saw a boy coming along the road carrying a big tin can.

"Say, boy, I hope that's gasoline in that can."

"I hope it ain't," returned the boy. "It would taste pretty bad on Ma's pancakes."

"You say this woman shot her husband with this pistol, and at close range" asked the coroner of the eyewitness to the colored tragedy.

"Yassuh."

"Are there powder marks on his body?"

"Yassuh. Das why she shot him."

## Twenty-fifth Anniversary Objectives

By THOMAS J. WATTS, Executive Secretary

In May 1943 the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will celebrate its Twenty-fifth Anniversary. With such a celebration in view the Executive Committee of the Board on October 10, 1940, adopted the following eleven objectives to be reached by May 1, 1943, viz:

1. Present Assets of \$5,038,000 to be increased to \$7,000,000.
2. Income to be increased from \$1,000,000 in 1940 to a minimum of \$1,500,000 per year.
3. Churches cooperating in the Ministers Retirement Plan to be increased from nearly 6,400 already cooperating to a minimum of 12,000.
4. Conventions, Boards, Institutions and Agencies participating in the several group plans to be increased from 75 to 125.  
Membership in all plans to be increased from 6,500 to a minimum of 12,000, two thousand or more to be lay employees of churches, boards and institutions.
5. Dedicate Baptist Building in Dallas by May 1941. (General occupancy by Baptist Agencies.)
6. Increase Gift Annuity agreements now in force (exclusive of other Southwide Agencies) to \$500,000.
7. Increase Savings Annuities from \$170,000 to \$300,000.
8. Secure bequests in wills and trusts of \$250,000 or more.
9. Complete the enlistment of States in the Ministers Retirement Plan by inaugurating same in New Mexico, Arizona and District of Columbia.
10. Publish new book by Secretary Watts, entitled HALF WAY TO OUR JUBILEE—A Review of the First Twenty-five Years of the Work of the Relief and Annuity Board.
11. Increase receipts for Relief beneficiaries from \$100,000 to \$150,000 with greatest possible emphasis on Fellowship Offering at the Lord's Supper at least once each year.

Application and agreement blanks for pastors and churches desiring to participate in the Ministers Retirement Plan and explanatory literature may be obtained from Your State Secretary—

REV. D. A. McCALL  
BAPTIST BUILDING JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI



# BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE ITEMS

## News of Former Students

Brother and Mrs. D. F. Askew and daughter, Anne, of Alabama, sailed September 21st for Argentina.

Miss Auris Pender, of Mississippi, who was appointed as a missionary to China in 1935 and works in the Hong Kong Province, spoke in chapel September 27th.

On October 19th, brother and Mrs. R. L. Carlisle, Jr., with their three children will sail for Uruguay. They are from Mississippi.

Mr. Edgar Spearman is the new music and educational director of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans. He comes from the Highland Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, and is a former student of B. B. I.

Twenty-two years ago, October 1, B. B. I. began her first session. Dr. James E. "Uncle Jimmie" Gwatkin, who has been a member of the faculty since the opening of the school, was the first Founders' Day speaker. Dr. P. I. Lipsey of Jackson, Mississippi, who is editor of the Baptist state paper and president of the Board of Trustees of the Institute, delivered the second Founders' Day address.

For brother Antonio Mauricio, Founders' Day was a special occasion, as he received the degree of Doctor of Theology. Twenty years ago he received his Th.M. degree from the Rio Baptist Seminary, Rio de Janeiro, while Dr. Shepard was president. Mr. Mauricio left October 9th for his native Portugal where he will continue his pastoral and missionary work. A large group of students went to the train to bid him farewell.

Miss Hannah Plowden, former Dean of Women at B. B. I., sailed for Shanghai, China, October 4th, to resume her duties in connection with Shanghai University.

Since last October, students of B. B. I. have been making mission trips to towns near New Orleans where there is no Baptist work. Three new churches have been organized of whom the pastors are Fred B. Moseley, Napoleonville; E. M. Cross, White Castle; and James W. Crumpton, Donaldsonville. The Practical Activities Department is proposing to start a new bus route which will go to Luling, Paradis, Lockport, Larose, and other points, and on alternate Sundays the bus route will be to Chalmette, Shell Beach, Delacroix and Pointe a la Hache. Plans are being made to equip the second bus with a loud speaker.

Among the 221 students thus far enrolled, there are four foreign countries—Manchuria, China, Central America, and Portugal—and 17 states.

Dr. W. W. Hamilton will be the principal speaker for the first Missionary Day at B. B. I., which is October 10th. Upon this occasion special recognition will be given for his election to the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rehabilitation Adviser. "Have you a good head for figures?"

Cottage Patient: "Heck no. As soon as I see a good figure I lose my head."

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by standing vote by the Panola County Baptist Association at Courtland, October 8th, 1940.

WHEREAS: Open slot machine, gambling has been permitted in Panola County in violation of State Law, and;

WHEREAS: The sale of intoxicating liquor is increasing in the county, and;

WHEREAS: A lawless condition has thus been created which grieves the hearts and should bring a protest from all law abiding citizens. Therefore be it resolved:

THAT this Christian assembly composed of duly elected representatives of the Baptist churches of Panola County, hereby petition the Sheriff of our county, the District Attorney, the Judge and all persons and bodies charged with the duty and authority of law enforcement to enforce our laws as their oath requires.

RESOLVED SECOND: That we request the Grand Juries meeting at Sardis and Batesville to make diligent and thorough investigations and bring indictments against all manifest violators of law.

RESOLVED THIRD: That we request Rev. J. W. Lee, Rev. J. B. Middleton and Messrs. C. B. Young, A. S. Woodruff and J. E. Bailey to convey these resolutions to our Sheriff, District Attorney, Judge and both Grand Juries and speak for us before these honorable men and bodies.

RESOLVED FOURTH: That we request the editors of The Southern Reporter and the Panolian to publish these resolutions in their respective publications.

## A STATEMENT FROM BRO. LEE

Elsewhere in this issue of The Record will be found some resolutions unanimously adopted by the Panola County Baptist Association in regular session at Courtland Oct. 8th.

I have been a member of this group of Christians for more than a third of a century and am therefore qualified to speak for them. In their appeal to the officers and courts to suppress lawlessness they are within their legal and scriptural rights.

We as Christians have no right to take the law in our own hands. The making of laws belong to law-making bodies.

The enforcement of laws is the sworn duty of officers and courts. It is the privilege and constitutional right of every citizen to appeal by petition or otherwise to constituted authorities to see that the laws are observed. That is what the above named body of Christians is doing. God wants us to lead a quiet and peaceable life. This can be done where laws are obeyed and honored. It cannot be done where our friends, neighbors and loved ones drink intoxicants. A wife may be ever so godly but she cannot have peace of soul if the husband drinks. A father and mother may be ever so devoted to their Lord and Master but their pillows have thorns in them if their sons drink. Children may be ever so obedient but they

cannot be happy and develop mentally, morally and physically if father drinks. A man may be ever so well qualified to meet the responsibilities of life but he is unfit for every duty he owes to God, his country, his family, his neighbor and himself if he drinks intoxicating liquors. A home may be ever so comfortable and costly but it is by no means a little heaven on earth, as it should be if, any inmate of that home drinks intoxicating liquors. Friends and neighbors can be knit together by the strongest ties of friendship and brotherly love but those sacred ties of friendship and love can be severed in a moment and one kill the other if one or both is drunk. A person at the wheel of a car may be ever so careful as a driver but no one is safe on our highways as long as car drivers drink.

Whisky is being sold in our county. It taking a fearful toll. It is breaking the hearts of wives, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and sweethearts. It is wrecking homes, destroying bright minds and filling untimely graves. It is making bad citizens out of otherwise good ones. It is making cruel husbands and fathers out of otherwise devoted ones. The fruits of liquor drinking in this County are from liquor sold contrary to law. To change the law so that it may be sold legally would not change its effect on the drinker. A bottle of whisky sold legally will make one friend kill another as quickly as one bought illegally.

The body of Christians whom the Committee of which I as Chairman have the honor and responsibility to represent believe our Sheriff, District Attorney, Courts and all

others charged with the enforcement of law can stop the sale of whisky in our County and we are begging them to do so as their oath requires. We are not enemies to law violators. We are their friends. Those who encourage the law violators and protect them in doing so are really enemies of those whom they encourage and protect.

The sellers of whisky may not realize now that we are their friends. If by any means we could stop them from selling the stuff that wrecks the lives and damns the souls of their customers we will be doing them a favor. If the whisky sellers never realize in this life that we are their true friends they will realize it at the judgment bar of God.

I beg the Officers of the law not to turn a deaf ear to our cry. Our petition is reasonable and justified before the laws of God and Man.

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## Kidneys Must Clean Out Acids

Excess acids, poisons and wastes in your blood are removed chiefly by your kidneys. Getting up Nights, Burning Passages, Backache, Swollen Ankles, Nervousness, Rheumatic Pains, Dizziness, Circles Under Eyes, and feeling worn out, often are caused by non-organic and non-systemic Kidney and Bladder troubles. Usually in such cases, the very first dose of Cystex goes right to work helping the Kidneys flush out excess acids and wastes. And this cleansing, purifying Kidney action, in just a day or so, may easily make you feel younger, stronger and better than in years. A printed guarantee wrapped around each package of Cystex insures an immediate refund of the full cost unless you are completely satisfied. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose under this positive money back guarantee so get Cystex from your druggist today for only 35c.

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# SUGGESTIONS FOR THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

By J. E. DILLARD

## To Help Pastors and Every-Member Canvass Leaders Make the Best Possible Preparation for Putting On and Following Up the Every-Member Canvass

### Purpose and Plan

The purpose of the Every-Member Canvass is to enlist all our people in all our work.

1. Make it clear to your people that you are hoping to enlist them, their interest, prayers, talents, personalities as well as their purses in all the work of the kingdom.

2. Explain the spiritual values of money and how it enables one to multiply, distribute, and immortalize one's Christian activities.

3. Make it perfectly clear that the ultimate aim and goal of all our efforts is to do the will of Christ, to extend his Kingdom, and to reach the lost.

4. Explain fully our plan for trying to enlist all our people in the intelligent, systematic, adequate, and cheerful support of all the causes included or implied in the Great Commission.

### Get Ready

Every successful Every-Member Canvass has been preceded by long, thoughtful, prayerful, patient preparation; every failure has been marked by hasty, or inadequate preparation. What is worth doing at all is worth getting ready for.

1. See articles in current issues of the state papers, The Baptist Program, the Sunday School Builder, Royal Service, et al. The following tracts may be secured from the state secretaries: "Promoting Our Program," "How the Baptist Cooperative Program Works," "Objections to the Cooperative Program Answered," "Stewardship Questions Answered."

2. Have a meeting of leaders for prayer and for planning.

3. Decide upon the time for launching and completing your Every-Member Canvass.

4. Appoint a canvass director and the following committees: Budget; Publicity; Prospect lists; Canvassers; Lunch.

5. Order necessary supplies from your state secretary—tracts, canvass cards, etc. (Suggest the card that provides a space for the tither's pledge and Baptist Hundred Thousand Club membership.)

6. Arrange for series of appropriate sermons, prayer meetings, stewardship study courses, three minute talks in Sunday school, B. T. U., W. M. S., and Brotherhoods.

7. Arrange meetings for instructing and training your canvassers.

8. Have your budget carefully prepared. Have a reasonable ratio between local expense and the denominational objectives. Have the budget ap-

proved or adopted by the church. Mail a copy to each member. Have the budget so made as to be easily understood.

9. Send a weekly letter to the members enclosing helpful literature.

10. Assign the proper prospects to the proper canvassers. Give canvassers their prospect lists early enough for them to call at least once before the canvass.

11. Use posters, lettergrams, etc.

12. Adopt a slogan for your canvass. (Suggestions: "All our people in all our work," "Make straight a highway for God," "Forward together with Christ," "Let's keep our church growing and going and glowing," "Let's keep the torch of truth burning brightly.")

### Put It On

Pastors and leaders differ as to the order of procedure on Every-Member Canvass Day. Some prefer beginning in the Sunday school and other organizations and ending with the house-to-house canvass. Others prefer beginning at the morning preaching service, then the house-to-house canvass and finally the appeal to the organizations. There are several modifications of these two general plans. That plan will work best that is best worked. All plans call for the pulpit message, the use of all organizations and groups, and the person-to-person appeal.

1. Definitely decide and let all the workers understand the way you want to do it.

2. See that the committees are all ready for the canvass.

3. Make the proper announcements. Have the subscription cards ready. Have the prospect lists in the hands of the canvassers. Have the canvassers themselves all signed up before going out to ask others.

4. Use the special assembly program in your Sunday school. (You will find it in the current issue of The Baptist Program)

5. The pastor's sermon should fit the occasion. The pastor should announce the canvass and ask the members who have not already signed up to remain at home till the canvassing teams call.

6. The lunch committee should serve a simple lunch (sandwiches and coffee or tea) so the canvassers can go out promptly.

7. After prayer and final word of instruction

### Follow Through

Do it the best you can, there will be some overlooked, some away from home, some who will not sign. And then there will be new members coming in, and old members moving away, and members suffering severe losses, and other members enjoying unexpected gains—all these call for the carrying on of the work all the year.

1. Appoint a canvass leader or director for the whole year; give him a small carefully selected committee to help him; this committee to call upon all new members; explain the financial plan of the church; give each new member a box of offering envelopes, and solicit a subscription from each member.

2. Have an accurate and adequate system of records; keep funds for local expenses and denominational objects separate; make remittances to your state mission secretary regularly, promptly, and in full of all denominational funds; have financial reports of all funds regularly; send monthly or quarterly statements (or letters) to all your members whether paid up or not.

3. Have a plan for giving concrete information concerning all the objects, local and denominational in the budget; urge your people to remember these causes in prayer, observe the Special Days listed in the Calendar of Denominational Activities for instructional purposes and as "over and above" opportunities. Keep the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club or the "Debtless Denomination by 1945" before your people and urged them to help hasten the debtless day. Put on a school of missions; plan for stewardship study and revival; keep stewardship, evangelistic and Hundred Thousand Club literature always on hand for members new and old.

4. Can you think of anything you are not now doing that might help promote the program of our Master, our denomination, our church? If so, do it for his sake.

and encouragement send the teams (two each) out to solicit those who have not already subscribed.

8. Let the pastor, director, or bookkeeper be at the telephone all the afternoon to answer questions that may be asked of the canvassers and to receive the returns.

9. See that every organization and group is reached.

10. Have final report on the Sunday following the beginning of the canvass.

**We Are Workers Together With Him**